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## BRITISH GUNS POUNDING AT DAKAR WHILE DE GAULLE TRIES TO LAND

### FRENCH SUBMARINE IS SUNK DURING BIG NAVAL ACTION

Special to the "Telegraph"

THE BRITISH NAVAL ACTION AT DAKAR IS STILL IN PROGRESS ACCORDING TO LATEST ADVICES. CAREFULLY WORDED COMMUNIQUE INDICATING THAT AFTER GENERAL DE GAULLE'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT LAST MONDAY TO TAKE THE COLONY WITHOUT BLOODSHED, THE BRITISH FORCES SWUNG INTO ACTION.

ONE LONDON ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THAT GENERAL DE GAULLE WITHDREW HIS FORCES SOME DISTANCE, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT WHILE THE BRITISH ARE NOW FIGHTING, GENERAL DE GAULLE IS WORKING THROUGH HIS SYMPATHISERS INSIDE DAKAR TO OVERTHROW THE VICHY AUTHORITIES.

GENERAL DE GAULLE HIMSELF YESTERDAY ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT THE OPERATIONS AT DAKAR WERE CONTINUING AND THERE WAS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WOULD END SUCCESSFULLY.

### FRENCH PLANES RAID GIBRALTAR

He explained: "The operations were decided upon to prevent French West Africa from falling into German hands."

He added that there had been infiltrations of German and Italian officers at Dakar during July and August.

### R.A.F. ATTACK ON NAZI M.T.B.s

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Five German E-boats—fast motor torpedo boats—cruising off Cap Gris Nez were bombed by six British bombers this afternoon.

The boats were strung out in line several miles from the French coast and were clearly visible from the Kent coast.

A German seaplane circled above.

#### Dive-Bombing

Suddenly half a dozen R.A.F. bombers swooped from high clouds and started dive-bombing. Columns of water a hundred feet high leapt into the air along the line of motor boats, hitting the latter from view.

Protecting Spitfires sped across the sky as the bombers re-climbed for another attack.

No direct hits were observed but all the boats turned and dashed for the shore.

### CHANNEL OPERATIONS Brest Bombed

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Further British bombing operations on the French and Belgian coast is announced by the Air Ministry news service.

At the naval station of Brest this morning long lines of bombs were dropped on the torpedo boat station, oil tanks and stores.

Heavy explosions were followed by four fires.

A pillar of dense black smoke enveloped the harbour and flames were visible more than 30 miles from the French coast.

Other aircraft of the Coastal Command laid sticks of bombs across the canal mouth at Zeebrugge. Unusually large flames followed the explosions of their salvos.

### STOCK EXCHANGE

Firmer Tone Follows  
Keynes' Broadcast

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day responded to Mr. J. M. Keynes' broadcast last night on the United Kingdom's finances after one year of war by a firm tone, particularly among the gilt-edged securities, among which small gains were general.

Industrials were supported from the provinces while Kainr dividend payers benefited by the late local buying. Other groups were irregular. Wall Street was firm.

### DEFENCES SOLID

### German Raids On London Fail

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Two attempts by masses of German planes to reach London to-day failed completely.

The capital had two warnings but no raiders got through.

Over 150 aircraft participated in the first raid, flying up the Thames Estuary in tight formation which was broken up by British gunners and fighters.

One German bomber is reported to have crashed into the sea off Whitstable.

#### They Turned Tail

Ten minutes after the second wave of raiders arrived they were racing for home, fighting a rearguard action with a strong force of Hurricanes which pursued them home and which were believed to have shot down one near Calais.

Raiders were inflicted in both raids despite the fact that stronger escorts than ever were provided for each bomber.

Many bombs were dropped in Thames Estuary towns, some falling in the working class districts.

BUCHAREST, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It is officially confirmed that Rumania is demobilising on a large scale.

Some 120,000 men were released from the forces last week.

The General Staff has been authorised to demobilise up to 40 per cent. of the army in order to supply the needs of agricultural labour.

### Six Attempts To Land

Vichy declared that the British forces made six attempts to land under the command of General de Gaulle; four were made at Rufisque and two further to the southeast of Dakar.

Shelling of Dakar by British warships continued throughout the day after the Dakar authorities had rejected an ultimatum delivered at 1.20 a.m. and due to expire at 6 a.m.

### "The Battle Continues"

According to the Vichy statement, the ultimatum warned Dakar that unless it surrendered the British Commander felt it his obligation to attack and occupy the city with troops.

The Governor of Dakar is reported to have replied: "France has confidence in Dakar and me. I will defend Dakar to the end."

The communique then laconically concludes: "The battle continues."

It appears that when General de Gaulle first attempted to land he used unarmed men flying the French colours and a white flag; they were fired upon by the Dakar navy and several men were killed.

General de Gaulle then withdrew his troops because he said he did not want fighting to break out among Frenchmen.

#### Gibraltar Raided

The report that Gibraltar was attacked by French planes in retaliation for the action at Dakar appears to be substantiated by a message from Laitnes which says that 39 French planes, apparently using bases in French Morocco, bombed Gibraltar at intervals of ten minutes for an hour and a half.

It is believed that gasoline depots were among the objectives and dense smoke was seen rising from Gibraltar.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action continuously from 12.40 p.m. to 2.05 p.m.

The French raiders are reported to

### OFFICIAL VERSION Why Attack Was Launched

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle decided to invade Dakar following German and Italian infiltration and assumption of control there, states a communique issued at the General Headquarters of the Free French forces.

Attacking forces were composed of military, naval and aerial units. The French troops were escorted by battleships of the Free French Navy.

British naval forces were present only to assure supplementary protection against any attack carried out with German participation.

#### Dakar Responsible

Dakar authorities were the first to assume the responsibility of opening hostilities against the French.

Several members of the crew were killed and a large number wounded.

Desiring to avoid a fight between Frenchmen, General de Gaulle removed his forces to a distance.

The Dakar authorities have not ceased firing on the French forces and British ships since the start of operations.

### GIBRALTAR RAIDED BY FRENCH, SAY REPORTS



A striking picture of Gibraltar which, according to various reports, was yesterday heavily attacked by 30 French planes in retaliation for the British action at Dakar. Gibraltar still remains Britain's greatest strategical possession in the Mediterranean.

## Chungking Urges British To Open The Burma Road

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Britain is being urged by Chungking to open the Burma Road.

The official "Central Daily News" to-day declared that opening of the Burma Road by Britain was essential if the Japanese were to be prevented from invading

Burma through Indo-China.

"The invasion of French Indo-China, under the pretext of a passage for Japanese troops to march on China, is really a move to attack Far Eastern possessions of the British Empire such as Hongkong, Singapore and

Burma," declared the editorial.

"The best and most effective self-protection for Britain is to reopen the Burma Road," concluded the paper.

#### Chinese Protest Rejected

A Vichy message from "Domel" says that M. Baudouin, the French

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### LATEST

### More Fighting In Indo-China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HANOI, Sept. 24 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the Japanese renewed their attacks on the Kwangsi-Indo-China border with increased intensity this afternoon.

Unconfirmed reports state that 200 Japanese prisoners have been taken and the French have admitted a total of 20 casualties up to noon to-day.

The third air raid alarm was sounded in Hanoi this afternoon. Posters have been placed throughout the city urging everyone without urgent business to evacuate immediately.

See Back Page For  
Further Late News

## Terrific Night Raids By R.A.F. on Berlin

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—British bombing on Berlin last night continued on an average of about 4½ minute intervals for several hours.

This is revealed by the Air Ministry news service, which states that the heaviest attacks fell upon pre-determined targets, which included railway yards near Potsdam and the Klingenberg power stations.

Severe fires were started at all points.

One aircraft reported eight explosions in railway sidings followed by a very large fire in railway buildings.

Another aircraft started a large fire at a power station.

At Klingenberg a considerable fire was already burning when one aircraft arrived and lighted up the target for further missiles.

#### Aerodrome Attacked

Returning from this area, one pilot flew low over Schiphol aerodrome and machine-gunned the searchlights.

Five big fires at Moabit enabled the target to be identified by the succeeding bombers. Explosive material blew up in a series of vivid flashes.

The Moabit fires were visible 80 miles away.

Four big fires were started at Charlottenburg power station and the

## Britain's Splendid Shipping Position

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—That Britain to-day controls more shipping tonnage than before the war but that the war has increased the demands upon it are the outstanding points in a statement by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, reviewing the position at the beginning of the second year of the war.

Germany now controls only about two-thirds of the pre-war tonnage and that is restricted to the Baltic and a limited part of the European coast-line.

Italy is in a similar predicament with only three quarters of her pre-war ships.

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The whole of the work entered in the production of every entry must have been done by the competitors who will be required to make a declaration to this effect. Each entry must have pasted on the back a special entry form obtainable on application from The Hongkong Telegraph or from the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Photographic Society. Subjects at the discretion of competitors.  
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### RULES

- The following Rules will govern the Competition.
- The Competition is confined exclusively to amateur photographers.
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- The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the competition and which must be pasted on back of entry.
- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already exhibited in other competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black and white or color pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes: 10x12, 10x30.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
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In connection with the proposed establishment of an Immigration Department in Hong Kong, applications are invited for posts of temporary Assistant Immigration Officer.

The approximate salary of the posts will be \$450 per mensem (inclusive), and appointments will be terminable at one month's notice.

Applicants should be British subjects of pure European descent between the ages of 21 and 28 and should have passed the London matriculation examination or a recognised equivalent examination.

Applications should be addressed to Mr. J. H. B. Lee, c/o Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

## British Air Raids On Berlin

### Barrage Falls To Check R.A.F.

Berlin, Sept. 24. British bombers inflicted some fatalities and set fire to certain sections of Berlin last night and this morning during the capital's longest alarm of the war.

The enemy planes came over the city in waves, dropping explosive and incendiary bombs, despite the city's heaviest barrage yet. It was learned to-day that the alarm was sounded at midnight at Stettin. Details are lacking.

The roar of the ground batteries was the loudest Berlin has known. Guns fired from all parts of the city, virtually without pause. The motors of the British planes on their second visit in as many nights could be distinctly heard from the United Press office.

As it is defiance of Germany's threat to annihilate the British nation, the planes came over earlier, arriving even before the alarm was sounded at 11:23 p.m. The all-clear signal was sounded at 3:10 a.m. United Press correspondents on their way home after the alarm saw two huge fires, apparently from burning warehouses or factories, in north-west Berlin. Thousands of people crowded towards that section after the all-clear signal freed them from the shelters.

#### German Accusation

To-day's official communique stated: "Last night British bombers, despite a very heavy anti-aircraft defence, succeeded in flying over the outer districts to the north and east of Berlin, dropping bombs. The location of the bomb craters, far from any objective of military or war importance, is new proof that the British fliers attack residential quarters with full intention. As a result there has been some property damage to private houses and several civilian lives have been killed. No military damage resulted."

The British planes dropped dozens of flares, at which tracers were aimed. The majority of the flares appeared to the north-west of Berlin, beyond the section of the first anti-aircraft activity. Others were dropped in Southern and Central Berlin (one illuminated the United Press office and its vicinity).

Unlike last night, searchlights were most active during the last two-thirds of the night's raid. Several times more than six converged on a single point in the sky. From the office two glares were observed in the north-west Berlin and one in the south-east. There were sporadic donations, apparently from bombs—United Press.

#### 11 Killed; 14 Injured

Berlin, Sept. 24. According to authentic cables 11 people were killed and 14 injured in last night's raid on Berlin—United Press.

#### Damage Inspection Refused

Stockholm, Sept. 24. The Berlin military authorities are granting foreign journalists there no facilities to inspect damage done during last night's R.A.F. raid, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Aften Bladet. He adds that the attacks were the most serious and most intensive yet made—Reuter.

#### Air Ministry Report

London, Sept. 24. An Air Ministry communique issued to-day stated: "Throughout last night strong bomber forces of the R.A.F. delivered heavy attacks on military objectives in and around Berlin. This attack was on a much larger scale than any yet carried out, and preliminary reports show that extensive damage was done. Among targets selected by our aircraft and heavily bombed were Rangsdorf Railway Station and several goods yards, including that at Grunewald, the west tower of the Wilmerdorf electric power station, gas works and Danzigerstrasse and one of the factories at Charlottenburg and Spandau (including the Brandenburg motor works)."

"During the night Channel ports in enemy occupation were vigorously attacked. Three of our aircraft have not returned."—British Wireles.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

##### DONATIONS TO CHARITABLE AND OTHER CAUSES

Totals of \$1,345,266.09 and 428 were reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the South China Morning Post, Ltd. The latest donations are: 3 Directors, British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd. in memory of the late Mrs. F. Stafford Smith, 30; Staff, British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd. in memory of the late Mrs. F. Stafford Smith, 104; Mrs. N. Farnmore and Dudley, in memory of the late Mrs. Louise Murray, 5; Anonymous (Hailpang), 23.

#### GIFTS FOR REFUGEES

The Director of Medical Services acknowledges receipt of a donation to the Hongkong and Shanghai Medical Association, \$350 to cover the cost of printing and distributing pamphlets issued by the Association. From Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, representing the Kwangtung Relief Association, \$250 for repairs to damage caused by typhoon at the Lo Shui Ling Refugee Camp at the Tung Chung. From the National Women's Relief Association, \$25 for an organ for the Katsching Camp.

#### DOGS' HOME

The Hon. Secretary of the Dogs' Home acknowledges receipt of a donation to the Home of \$20, in memory of the late Mrs. Maud Woods, from Mrs. L. Hall.

## Shanghai Volunteers

### Large Contingent For Service

The largest of recent contingents of men who have enlisted in Shanghai for war service, numbering 88, arrived at Hongkong yesterday on board a British liner, on their way to Malaya and India to serve with the British Army.

Many outposts in North China are represented in the group, which includes both single and married men. Another contingent of about 150, will follow in a month's time.

Also on board the same liner are 12 Frenchmen from Shanghai who are travelling to London to join General de Gaulle's forces. They are led by M.P. La Roche de La Roche & Co.

The British volunteers include several men from Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., Butterfield and Swire, and other well known British firms in the Far East. Some of these firms are understood to be paying their former employees 25 per cent of their salaries for the duration of the war.

Nearly all the members of the British community in Shanghai assembled on the Bund to cheer the contingent as it left to embark on the liner.

Their ship slowly passed the Italian liner Conte Verde which is sheltering in the Whampoo, the volunteers lined the quays and shouted with shouts of "Varete!" and "Adowa!" as well as "We'll see you in the Near East," one of the British stated yesterday. The Italians on board gesticulated wildly and hurled back a torrent of abuse.

"Varete!" was the scene of a severe Italian rout by the Austrians in the Great War; and the Italians also suffered a defeat at the hands of the Abyssinians at Adowa in an early campaign in Africa.

About 25 of the volunteers are going to Bombay to undergo training at a Cadet school, after which they will be granted commissions with the Indian Army. The remainder are proceeding to Singapore.

Those who arrived yesterday included Mr. T. W. Gubb, former deputy secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who recently resigned to enlist; Mr. R. G. Woodhead, well-known Shanghai newspaperman and son of Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, editor of Oriental Affairs, Mr. G. John Winney of Thos. Cook and Son, and the following members of the staff of Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd.—Messrs. J. Ward, R. R. Eckford, C. V. Eckford, R. J. Lucas, S. Martin, D. Campbell, D. Aucott and A. A. White.

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Three of the volunteers, Messrs. G. B. Shutter, G. A. Clayton and R. Garrard, were members of the Royal Artillery Association in Shanghai.

## Evacuation Exemption Considered

### Appeals To Be Heard Publicly

The following official communique to the Press was issued yesterday afternoon, by the Colonial Secretary:

In connection with the recent appointment by His Excellency the Governor of an Evacuation Advisory Committee, the following information regarding the procedure to be adopted by the Committee is notified for general information.

1. The Committee will consider applications for exemption from evacuation of women and children and preliminary reports show that exemption, and applications on behalf of women or children who desire to return to the Colony. It is emphasized that permission to return will be granted only in entirely exceptional cases. Appeals on medical grounds or on grounds of individual hardship will not generally be considered.

2. Applications should be made in the first place in writing, a full statement of the grounds on which the application is made being given. The Committee will consider such applications in private.

3. In the event of an application made under paragraph 2 not being granted, the applicant may apply to the Committee for a hearing in person. Such applications will be heard in public session of the Committee.

## MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### THREE PAPERS TO BE READ AT TO-DAY'S MEETING

A meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the China and British Medical Association will be held at the Queen Mary Hospital at 9.15 p.m. to-day with the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, in the Chair.

Two papers will be given by Professor K. H. Digby, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., entitled (1) "The twelfth rib inclusion in kidney and other operations," and (2) "An aid to ventriculography."

Dr. T. K. Lien will read a paper on the treatment of burns, which will be illustrated by clinical cases. All members of the medical profession will be welcome.



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1.45 Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major Op. 105—Prague String Quartet.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Selections from Noel Coward's Hits.

6.28 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 An Hour of Popular Classics.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Albert Sandler (Violin) and his Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—"Great Authors" No. 4: Scott; Talk by Father Ryan S.J.

8.50 The B. B. C. Wireless Singers.

O. Hush Tree, My Babe (Scott and Sullivan); Who will O'er the Downs so free (Pearsall).

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—Masters of Moment.

9.45 Rale da Costa and Harry Jacobson. (Two Pianos).

9.57 p.m. Dance Music and Variety.

11.00 Close Down.

## MESSAGE TO KING

### CONGRATULATIONS ON ESCAPE FROM BOMBS

The following telegram from the Acting Governor, Hongkong, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, was sent on September 20: "In the name of this Colony, I request that my thankful congratulations be offered to Their Majesties on their recent escape from bombing attack."

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U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Seattle date, 28th Aug.) Sept. 28.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 1st September) Sept. 29.

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Thursday, Sept. 28

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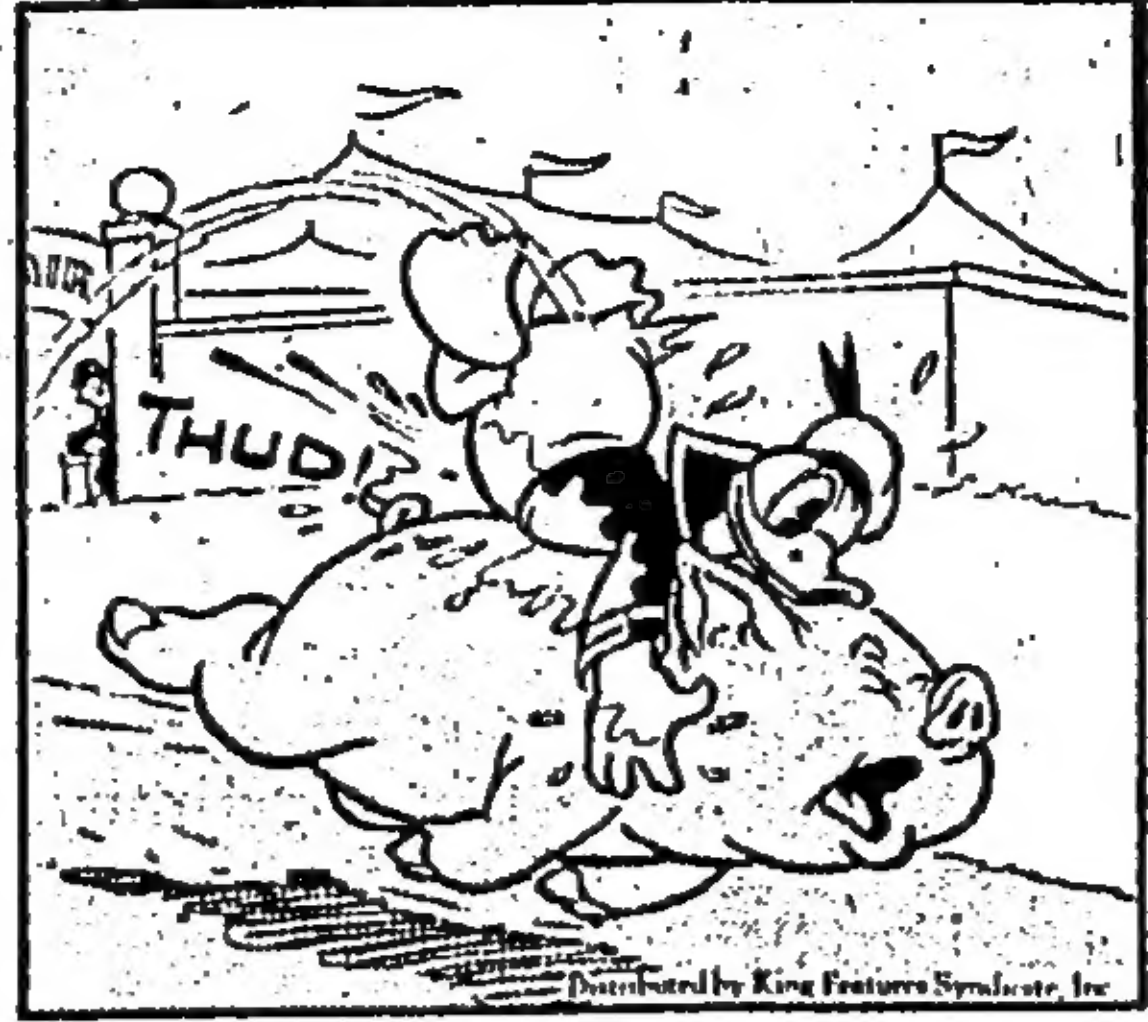
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## CONSIDER THE TWO BLOCKADES

JAPAN is blockading China in the East as Great Britain is blockading Europe in the West. That is a very significant fact.

It means that the Eurasian continent is shut off from the world on three sides, Europe being geographically no more than the north-western peninsula of Asia.

The Polar Sea keeps the fourth side closed for six or eight months in the year. Thus Great Britain and Japan are blockading half a hemisphere.

It will be interesting to compare Japan's blockade with Great Britain's, and see how far they resemble one another and wherein they differ, both as regards their incidence and their results.

The Japanese blockade stretches from Shanghai, where the Great Wall enters the sea, to Haiphong, a distance of 2,000 miles measured along the steamship route down the China coast; the British blockade reaches from the North Cape inside the Arctic Circle round the Atlantic coast of Europe and through the Mediterranean to Haifa, a distance of 5,000 miles. Thus both navies have a formidable length of coastline to watch.

## Asia To Europe

Beyond that stark fact, there is no possible comparison; the task of the mightier British navy is incomparably more difficult.

It is not merely that the European coast is far more complicated and hazardous than the China coast, it is not that Dictator Europe has a navy of sorts, whereas China has none, and cannot build one because she has not a single seaport; but Japan has large armies operating on the China coast and mainland. There is no point where a ship could discharge cargo with the hope of reaching the Chinese armies in the interior.

There are a dozen overland routes from Asia into Europe over which Great Britain has no control—through Murmansk, or via the Trans-Siberian railway, or the Turk-Sib railway and the Caspian Sea, and others. But as soon as Japan had, by diplomatic pressure, stopped the passage of arms to China, by the French railway from Haiphong, and similarly closed the Burma Road, she had almost completely cut off China's land communications with the outside world.

Although there are several overland routes into China from the south and west—ones eastwards from Mandalay to Kengtung for example—on the Chinese side of the frontier they are too primitive to be of use because communications inside China have only of late years been developed beyond the horse-and-cart stage. One possible motor road remains open, that through Russian Central Asia into north-west China.

## China's Resources

While Britain does not control the overland routes into Europe

By F. Kingdon Ward  
The Scientist And Explorer

from the East, she has a splendid ally in the great deserts and mountain ranges which stretch across the Continent, cutting off the tropical lands and preventing tropical produce from reaching Central Asia.

Moreover, British sea-power makes itself felt as far east as Singapore, so that in effect there is at present only one overland route a mile to Europe and that the longest of them all, the Trans-Siberian route, is from Vladivostok. That is the only route by which the raw materials of the tropics can reach Germany.

China is certainly an agricultural country. She can produce all the food she requires, and does not need to import any. She can never starve her into submission. Europe, on the other hand, is a highly industrialised region, and must import a considerable proportion of its food.

China needs munitions, machinery, motor transport, and petroleum. Germany, too, needs petroleum, but after that her chief requirements are food (cereals), fodder, rubber, fats, vegetable oil, and certain minerals, such as nickel, tin, copper and ferro-alloys. Most of these China could supply.

## Problem Of Oil

Oil is vitally necessary to both blockaded countries. Europe, of course, imports the bulk of its oil by sea, and Germany is now reduced to what she can get from Rumania and Russia, what she can manufacture and her stored reserves.

China has no oil store, does not manufacture oil and cannot import it from overseas. But China has one advantage denied to Germany, oil is found in China itself, although the amount at present available represents only a fraction of what is needed.

Just as Germany can get oil from Rumania, so can China get oil from Burma. Doubtless a profitable oil smuggling organisation will spring up, once over the frontier, oil can be carried by mule to the motor road.

If we compare the areas under blockade, we find that Europe, excluding Russia, has an area of, in round numbers, 1,610,000 square miles, about half of which (803,459 square miles) is enemy territory. However, for blockade purposes, all Europe is under control.

China proper, comprising the 18 provinces, has an area of just under 4,300,000 square miles, of which about a quarter is uneasily occupied by Japan. While the blockade of this huge territory is as thorough as the blockade of Europe, its effects are less felt in proportion, as China is less delicately organised.

China, it is true, cannot build a ship or launch a ship. She is even more tied to the continent than is Nazi Germany, with infinitely inferior overland communications, internal and external. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that the land frontier open in her rear is three times as long as the European land frontier open to Germany.

## Closed Burma Road

The immediate situation for China is critical. The closing of the Burma Road marks the last move in the total blockade by Japan. Though it is now the close season for dirt roads within the monsoon belt, there is a real danger that it has been closed for the duration. The moral effect is bound to react unfavourably on up-keep, so that by the end of the rains, in November, a deterioration will have set in.

Neither China nor Japan shows the least inclination to make peace; and it will be an awkward moment when Britain is asked to re-open the road. On the other hand,

if the situation in Europe has improved that will ease the tension in the Far East.

There has always been a possibility of China looking elsewhere even to Russia, for that help which Britain is at the moment unable to give her.

The only other possibility was the United States, who has been supplying Japan with nearly three-quarters of her war materials, on a cash-and-carry basis. From the moment that Britain closed the Burma Road a new situation was created, in Germany a demand for the place of the United States.

Consider the position. A steel ring of ships is blockading the Continent from Narvik to Vladivostok. In the face of this pressure, an internal resistance has been set up. Asia is hollow, and internal China is vanishing. Already China is looking westwards as Germany is looking eastwards towards Central Asia, where they are reaching out to one another from stern motives of self-preservation, however little they approve of one another morally.

And there, sprawling across the northern horizon from sea to sea, lies the great bulk of Russia, the life-line between Europe and the Orient.

## Precious As Exports

The success of the British blockade turns chiefly on the stoppage of oil of certain ores and of all tropical raw materials reaching Europe. Much of this last is grown in unoccupied China, where a great variety of economic products such as soy bean, groundnuts, tung oil and many fibres such as cotton, jute and ramie have long been cultivated. 60 per cent of the world's antimony comes from China and unlike Germany, she produces tin, wolfram, and other ores. No amount of blockade can deny her these.

Industrial China, including the coal and iron districts of the north, and the great factory centres of Shanghai, Canton and Hankow, is in enemy hands. This includes practically the entire network of railways and the northern rice plain between the Yangtze and Yellow rivers. Still more significant is the fact that Indonesia could supply those raw materials of which Germany is most in need, especially rice, coconut, cotton, rubber, tung, tin, and wolfram. These also could reach Germany overland via China and Russia.

A working alliance between Germany and China as a result of the Continental blockade is logical but difficult to achieve—physically because of the great distances to be covered, in regions scantily populated; politically because Russia is the linchpin of any mutual assistance pact.

Russian and Chinese interests conflict in Central Asia, Russian and German interests in south-east Europe. In any event the strengthening of the trans-Continental routes will take time, perhaps a generation, and the need is pressing. That is why Hitler has been urging his claims in tropical Africa, which is much nearer and might be expected to supply him until Asia is ready.

## China And The Axis

The final outcome of the blockade must be to speed-up in every way trans-Continental communications by land and air, and to drive agriculturally rich China into the arms of industrially organised Europe, with Russia as linchpin.

This is what is happening in Asia now. China is being drawn as by a magnet towards the Axis. Nor would this paradoxical result make for improved relations between London and Tokyo. Taking the short view, Great Britain, with her hands tied in the west, had to close the Burma Road or suffer certain obvious consequences. Taking the long view, it was a profound mistake, for little worth; nor is it too late to make amends to a valiant country fighting for freedom.

## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"I'm NOT nervous, I tell you . . . I'm just practicing walking baby to sleep!"

## Dover is Mastering the Enemy's Tricks

By L. D. HUNTER

TO those of us who knew the Straits of Dover during our last period of disagreement with Germany the first months of this war presented a strange contrast.

From the early days of the 1914-18 campaign we had been confronted with a German penetration to the coast, with Neuport-Bains, some 20 miles, N.E. of the sorely tried town of Dunkirk as the high-water mark of the enemy's advance. Dover sea forces were thus early reconciled to the permanent presence of the enemy within a few miles of their gates, and took action accordingly.

Almost daily contact with shore batteries and surface ships was the order of those days, in addition to the operations necessary for the blocking of the Straits against enemy submarines. Although the air menace in all its modern aspects confronted Dover from the beginning of the present war, this last duty—prevention of submarine activity—was the principal pre-occupation of the Command there during the winter of 1939 and the spring of 1940.

News of surface craft likely to menace the Dover area only began to come through during the weeks preceding the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

Indeed, if reports are to be believed, even to-day the surface forces of the enemy are for the most part conspicuous by their absence even since the Continental shores of the Channel were laid open to them, and would seem to have been principally used for the hit-and-run operations of motor torpedo-boats.

Not that such activities are in any way to be despised, nor are they easy to counteract. But we have heard of none of the spectacular destroyer combats with which Dover was so much associated in the last war. An occasional submarine hunt, ending in a kill, was the only event of moment during the first seven or eight months of the war; if we except the epic of the evacuations.

Since May, however, there have been factors which have changed all that. Not only is the enemy once more upon the door-step, but almost he has entered the hall; at least he has created the impression of a desire to mount the stairs.

Under the constant menace of the air from bases brought unpleasantly close, and even if the experts are to be believed—of long-range bombardment from the German-occupied coasts across the street, in support of unwelcome cutters, Dover has had to readjust its outlook on life in general in a manner which seems almost unbelievable to veterans of the last war.

Barbed wire entanglements, interspersed with pill-boxes and other precautions for the disillusionment of the enemy lie athwart our usual promenade, and the daily life of naval and military organisations has had to adapt itself to the stern requirements of the sirens' frequent wailing.

The problem is being met, of course, by provision of offices underground, where it is possible for the machinery to function regardless of whistle-blowing, sirens and gunfire. Underground, therefore, has coyly retired the army of "black-coated workers" necessary to the servicing of a modern garrison and naval base—and even some of the militant ranks retire thither likewise in the intervals of their above-ground activities.

Opposition had to be encountered from some die-hards, and also from the high officers of the women's services, jealous for the well-being of their charges thus condemned to something like troglodyte existences, though it is acknowledged that means must be found for essential work to be continued.



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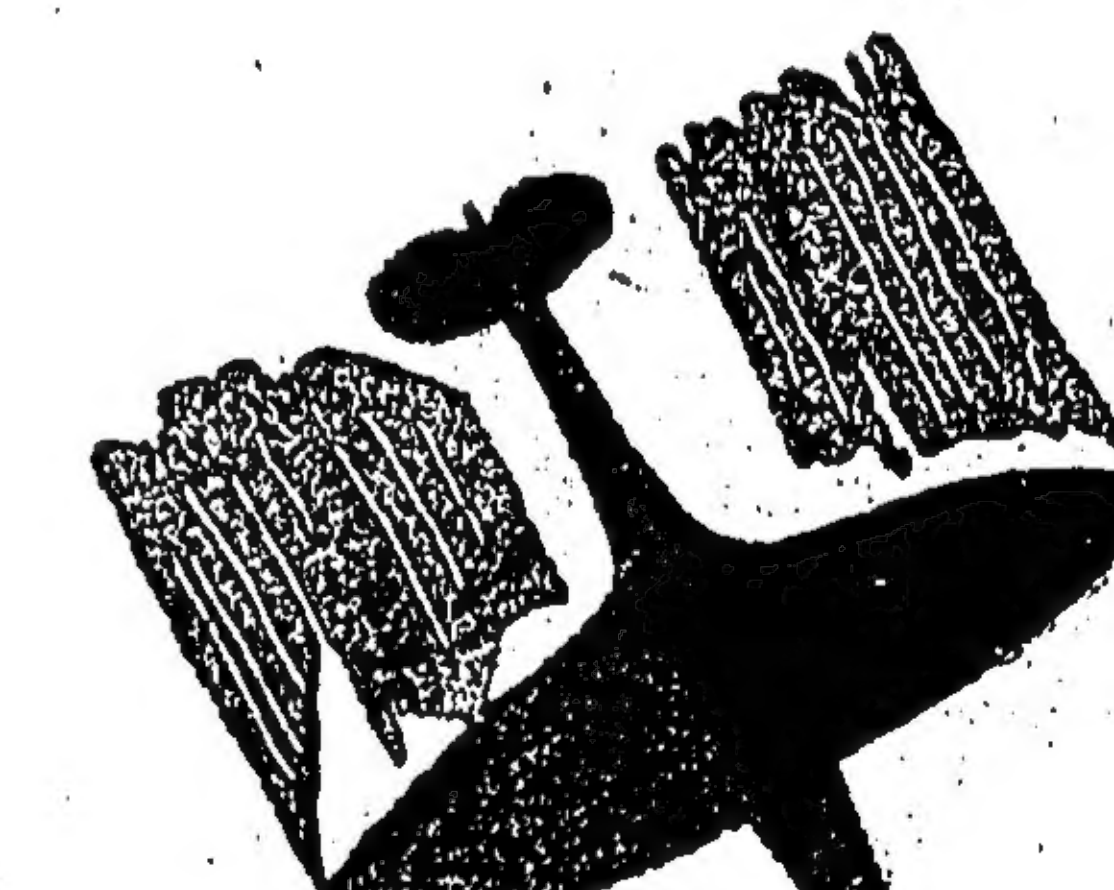


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### The Free Press

In a survey of the modern Press, Mr. Wadhvani Steed, a former editor of The Times, London, describes journalism as something more than a craft and different from an industry. In his view it is a vocation, which is at once an art and an industry. It is a trusteeship, not unlike that which is held by physicians; with this difference, however, that while a dishonest doctor can harm at worst only a few dozen or a few score patients, a dishonest journalist may poison the minds of hundreds of thousands of his fellow-men. The moral responsibility of the Press is thus akin to that of ministers of religion, statesmen and the leaders of public thought.

There are important considerations in view of the fact that what appears in the news and editorial columns of the daily press constitutes so much, perhaps the greater part, of the reading of the people at large. One of the principal problems of the Press is to decide upon the length of editorial articles, preferred by the average reader. Mr. Steed is quite sure that newspaper readers do not now possess the powers of sustained attention that they possessed before the Great War. Newspaper articles are now, as a general thing, shorter than they used to be, and this, it is said, is at least partly due to the fact that when people have undergone a long period of strain they are apt to be impatient with any statement that they cannot take in almost at a glance.

Nevertheless, it is tolerably clear that the continual use of short disjointed sentences in an ill-constructed paragraph containing mere slogans and brief ex cathedra utterances, while it may suit people in regimented countries who feel themselves incapable of thinking things out for themselves, does not satisfy thoughtful men in free countries. There are no shortcuts to the formation of sound opinions. Of course, short and pithy articles have their place, but there is something to be said for the easier and more leisurely style. In point of fact, a severely condensed article may make greater demands on the attention than a longer one. Anyone who wishes to do so may make an interesting experiment. Let him take an essay of Bacon containing say 350 words, read it once, and then try to give the substance of it in his own words.

Mr. Steed has something to say upon the subject of broadcasting, and what he says is the more interesting in that he is a broadcaster as well as a journalist. He says that broadcasting has a wider appeal than the Press, because the newspaper public is a redemptive public, whereas a broadcaster may speak to literate and illiterate alike. Tennyson said, however, that things seen are mightier than things heard, and most people are more impressed by the printed word, which remains, than by the spoken word, which flies. They like to see the news in actual print. They want to take it in more fully and think it over. Perhaps that is one reason why we are so regularly reminded that "further details will be found in your local newspaper."

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# my son, my son!

I CAN see now in all its details, as clearly as though I had left it but yesterday, the dingy little furnished room in the drab Manchester slum street which Dermot O'Riordan and I had shared for so many of our youthful years.

I can see the two iron beds in the corner, the two cheap chairs and the broken-down bureau before whose distorted mirror Dermot was shaving in preparation for the most momentous event in his life.

"Bad cess to it!" cried Dermot. "I would cut meself to-day of all days! Hand me a piece of paper, Will."

Without rising from my trunk-packing, I reached over to the table, pulling off the top sheet from a stack of hand-written pages, and passed it to him.

"I can't use this, man!" said Dermot. "It's the story you're writing." His puckish, snubbed nose poked forward inquiringly at me as always when he was excited.

"Use it," I said curtly. "That's all it's good for."

"Ah, there ye go now. Letting old man discouragement ride on your shoulders! You've got talent and imagination and heart! Why, man, the whole world is open for you to write about! I've no patience with a man who has no faith in himself, Will Essex."

"It's easy for you to talk, Dermot," I replied. "You want to be the finest cabinet-maker in England. Meanwhile you work in wood. . . . you can see what you're accomplishing and you get paid for what you do. I want to be a writer—but no one will pay me to write. I have to take any old job I can find that gives me a bare living and a chance to write on the side. Anyway, there you are—all packed and ready to go off and claim your bride!"

Dermot glanced up at the wall. "All packed! It's a fine packer you are, leavin' my picture of Brian Boru himself hangin' on the wall! He stepped over and stood in front of the old Irish king's picture, addressing it. "It's humiliated enough I am that you've had to repose in this mildewed boardin' house and you the greatest of the Irish Kings! Will, if I ever have a son I'll give him back to Ireland—to live the life I missed!"

"If I ever have a son," I countered, "I'll get him out of a slum like this out of a life like this."

When Dermot was at last shaved and dressed in his meagre best, and the dayman had removed his few effects for the trip to Liverpool where his Sheila lived, we shook hands warmly.

"I'll be seeing you as soon as I bring Sheila back," said Dermot. "Mind you, and yourself a good place to live."

"I'll have to be a cheap one until I get a job. But I'll be all right."

"Sure and you'll be all right. Both of us will be all right." He struck an attitude. "Remember the lad with the banner. Excelsior!"

"Onward and upward!" I responded.

"Me and my hands—you with your head! Goodbye, Will."

"Goodbye, Dermot."

I find myself wandering through Shelley Street, a meaner street even than the one in which Dermot and I lived. The janitress at Number 28 eyed me with open hostility.

"You'll find no cheaper lodgings around here, Mister, but you can look elsewhere for all I care."

"A family I knew used to live here a dozen years ago. Name of Essex."

"Never heard of 'em."

A strange sadness came over me. "My mother moved to this house the day she was married," I muttered. "She had nine children in it. She buried five from it. She died in it herself. And you never heard of her!"

I moved slowly along to the corner. There was Moscrop's bakery with its fly-blown window full of breads and cakes. Nothing was changed here; but inside through the open door I could see Mr. Moscrop, now grown old and very fat, and a rather pretty, very prim-looking young girl who must be his daughter Nellie.

With them was a husky, rough-looking youth talking volubly, evidently engaged in some sort of altercation with old man Moscrop. I could hear his trade, interspersed with crude billingsgate.

"What if I am short in my collections! How much do yer pay me for drivin' yer blasted van, anyway? I don't like yer bloomin' job, an' I'm chuckin' it this very minute!"

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been a boy. Memories came crowding back to me; memories of the times he had stolen my cap and run off laughing, of the times he had caught me and dumped in the mud the washing my mother had tolled over.

I sent him reeling through the door with a blow in the face, then followed him outside and thrashed him till he went scurrying down the street.

Chivalrous feeling toward a timid girl and her ailing father had only a little to do with my acceptance of the vacated job which Moscrop offered me.

While driving a bakery wagon was scarcely my idea of a career, it paid enough to keep me, with the living quarters over the shop that went with it, and the long evenings were free to me to go on with the new novel I had undertaken. Nellie was friendly in her shy, respectful way, and her father came to rely upon me more and more as his affliction grew worse.

Nellie was somewhat awed with my writing but disapproved of my indifference to her efforts to convert me to the faith that occupied most of her thoughts, or to accompany her and her father to the weekly chapel services.

When I had been with them some months, Nellie asked me one chapel night to escort her to the services. Her father was feeling too ill to go out.

"Your chapel means a great deal to you, doesn't it, Nellie?" I remarked. "As much as writing this book means to me, I suppose."

"Oh, much more! That's just your work."

"Why, Nellie," I answered with mock severity, "haven't you heard that work is worship, and labour holy?"

"I'm sure that isn't in the Bible."

"Never mind," I laughed. "I'll

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take you to Chapel. Who knows—you might convert a heathen."

"I'd like to," she said shyly. "Thank you, Mr. Essex."

I sat through the services as attentively as my thoughts of my postponed writing would permit. When we returned home we found Mr. Moscrop lying in a huddled heap at the foot of the staircase, as though he had been trying to gain his bedroom during a particularly severe attack.

I bent over the inert form for a moment, with Nellie's frightened sobs in my ears. Then I arose and placed my hands gently on her shoulders.

"There's nothing we can do, Nellie. There's nothing anyone can do!"

She leaned against me, letting her grief and fright and loneliness pour themselves out unchecked. . . . Perhaps I had already known that sooner or later I was going to marry Nellie Moscrop.

Significant as the event was in my life, the arrival of the printed copies of my first published book was overshadowed by something even more portentous. For on the same night Dermot O'Riordan's son was born.

"This, in my own envious eyes, caused my accomplishment to pale almost to nothingness. Arriving while Dermot was polishing the beautiful new cradle he had carved and keeping a constant ear cocked upward toward Sheila's bedroom, I almost forgot to mention my book."

Yet Dermot was vastly delighted at it, and even more at the dedication. "To my friend, Dermot O'Riordan, without whose good advice and bad language, this book would never have been started."

As soon as the child was born I hastened home to tell the good news



to Nellie, who had refused to accompany me to the O'Riordans because it was Chapel night.

Sitting up in bed in her high-necked, long-sleeved nightgown and two braids of hair lying along her back, she must have been stirred by my excited awe at the thought of Dermot's having a son. She smiled a little shyly, looking down at the bedclothes.

"I didn't mean to tell you so soon, Will, but you needn't envy Dermot. Not for long."

Overcome with joy, I determined then and there that my son (and I never doubted it would be a son) should be born away from the slum in which his parents had been reared.

I would sell the bakery, move to the seaside, make my living by writing books and more books—I would work my fingers to the bone so that my son might be reared in decent, clean, respectable surroundings and have every advantage that poverty had denied me in my childhood.

After the bitter exhaustion of my early youthful struggles to write an acceptable novel, the composition of more books came comparatively easy to me.

My maiden book sold few copies but won me a respectful reception at the hands of the critics. My second did only a little better for me pecuniarily, but established me more solidly in literary circles as a young author who stood on the threshold of fulfilling marked promise.

And when my third book was published, it soon became evident that I had at last hit the mark—that this effort was being taken to the bosom both of the critics and of the reading public.

We sold "The Beaches," the little tree-bordered suburban house where Oliver was born, and in partnership with Dermot and Sheila we purchased

With a vast sign of relief I put my arm about him. "Yes, I believe you, Oliver."

During all this Nellie listened silently. But when Oliver went off to the bathroom to wash his face, she turned to me grimly.

"What are you going to do about this?"

"Why, there's nothing to do. It's all settled."

"Whether I'm anything to you or not. I'm the child's mother. Do you think it doesn't matter to me that he's growing up a cheat and a liar?"

"Oh, it's not that bad," I said. "Oliver got his sense of right and wrong a bit muddled. Natural for a child—but these things are easily straightened out with understanding and love."

"I'm not blinded by what you call 'love,'" she interrupted. "Bringing up a child to think he can do what he likes! I think Oliver should be thrashed for what he has done."

"I don't," I replied quietly. "And if you have no other suggestion, I may as well go." I left the room and started down the hall to my own room, realising only now how much the incident had shaken me.

As I stood staring out of a window, a series of sharp, agonised cries came from Oliver's room. "No! No! Don't! Don't!"

I dashed back into the room and, seized from Nellie's hand the same with which she was punishing the child. As I wrenched it from her grasp the boy suddenly turned upon me and drove his little fist into my face with all his strength, crying "Don't hit my mother!"

Although the blow was a puny one, I staggered back as though I had been dealt a mortal injury. Astonishment, grief, anger crowded one another in my confused thoughts.

That he should take Nellie's side against me—against his father who had been both mother and father and good fairy to him—was something I could not grasp. Oliver and I stood facing each other for a moment, then I turned and walked blindly out of the room.

Nellie joined me a little while later.

"I'm sorry for—for what happened," she said, her voice shaking a little; "but I had to do and say what I believe to be right."

"I know—I know. The best thing for all of us now is to try and forget it."

"No. We've got to have an understanding about Oliver. You've always made his upbringing your business. It's always your son—your son!"

"Nellie," I said slowly, "why did you ever marry me?" I continued as she looked at me, bewildered and angry in her eyes. "We're miles apart on everything—on the kind of books I'm to write, on where we are to live, on how to bring up our child—everything! I don't mind for myself—but I mind for Oliver."

"Oh, Oliver!" she cried almost fiercely. "That's the roof of it! Everything for Oliver! Everything!"

"Why not?" I said slowly. "What else has our marriage brought me?"

"For a moment we stood looking at each other, the veil between us rent. Then Nellie turned and hurried from the room."

(To be continued)



## SEXES TO GET SAME PAY-RATE

# INDUSTRY COULD USE 250,000 MORE WOMEN

THERE IS SCOPE TO EMPLOY 250,000 MORE WOMEN IN INDUSTRY—IF THE RIGHT NUMBER OF SKILLED MEN AND WOMEN COULD BE FOUND FOR KEY POSTS. BUT FINDING THE SKILLED WORKERS IS A PROBLEM, MR. ERNEST BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Bevin also announced that long hours of work in war factories will cease and normal hours will be restored.

Referring to the labour problem, Mr. Bevin declared: "The country needs to understand the financial and capital loss it is suffering in this war owing to the neglect and the allowing to rot of so many skilled men and women in the last fifteen years. It must never occur again."

No Minister of Labour—however much energy he had—could make up, except by devious methods and dilution, the loss that the nation had sustained. "We will, however, do our best and we are going to try to use the services of both men and women to the utmost," he said.

### Same Rates As Men's

Order was being rapidly produced out of the chaos that previously existed. He was dominated by the Supply Department in the amount of employment that he could find.

Women must be enrolled for industry in far greater numbers as the programme developed. Their wages would be on the principle of the "rate for the job." That is, the same rates as are paid to men. Recently the Factory Act became demoralised. His appeals—arising from great exasperation—to work extraordinarily long hours had resulted in many cases of young people working seventy to eighty hours a week.

He felt it his duty to stop that, and from August 1 the Factory Acts would come back into full operation.

"All the evidence goes to show that we have carried on with these long hours too long, and production is on the decline rather than the increase," he said.

He hoped that employers would use the scale of times and rates that the Ministry were now suggesting.

"Most Encouraging"

"Our first great object is to win this war," he said. "We are going to win it."

"There is a lot of criticism of Generals and the Army and a lot of ignorant criticism."

"I do not expect Generals to be perfect because I do not expect perfection anywhere."

"But since the return of the forces from France anyone inside who knows what has been going on and the remarkable organisation that has developed has been amazed at the achievements in the last five or six weeks. It is most encouraging."

Mr. Bevin said that he was now considering a scheme for which Treasury sanction had not yet been obtained—to provide scholarships for people in factories to have a period of training at universities and then return to industry.

## How Many In An L.D.V. Battalion?

FACTS recently given about the L.D.V.s, now organised to cope with expansion:—

UNITS: The basic unit is the section (about twenty-five men) under a section commander.

Four sections form a platoon. Four platoons a company, and four companies a battalion. A battalion, therefore, is normally about 1,000 men.

RANKS: A section commander wears a sergeant's chevrons on the left arm, and his second in command and sub-section commanders wear corporal's and lance-corporal's chevrons.

Battalion, company and platoon commanders wear horizontal stripes of blue braid (three, two and one) on their shoulder straps.

COMBATANTS: To ensure that the L.D.V. organisation fits in with the existing military organisation, general officers commanding Army commands are made responsible for the command, organisation and training of all L.D.V.s in their area.

## Boy, 18, Rescues 3 With His New Boat

Eighteen-year-old Bert Brown, of Robin Hood's Bay, Yorkshire, and two of his pals, went out in Bert's new boat and rescued three other boys who were marooned on a rock off the bay.

The sea had surrounded the boys when Bert heard of their plight.

His father had just bought him a small boat, and here was a chance to give it its first sail.

Calling out his pals, Bishop Randall, aged eighteen, and Gordon Randall, aged fifteen, he launched his boat. The boys rowed out to the rock.

The sea was rough, and an attempt was made to land the boat at Robin Hood's Bay, but dangerous rocks made this impossible.

Bert ordered his crew to row north of the village.

Above the boys towered a cliff 100ft. high, but villagers arrived with ropes and hauled them to safety.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

# R.A.F. Raids Italian Bases In Abyssinia

Raids by the Royal Air Force on the Italian bases in Eritrea, Libya and Abyssinia are described in official communiques.

### LONDON: German Formations Broken Up

Two German formations, consisting of bombers escorted by a large number of fighters, made attacks across the coast and in the area of the Thames Estuary this morning. Neither force penetrated to London.

Some bombs were dropped in Thames-side towns. Damage was caused to houses and buildings but the number of casualties was small.

Early this afternoon, an enemy aircraft was made in the Southampton area. Some buildings were damaged and a number of casualties were caused.

During the afternoon, enemy aircraft were dropped in a number of districts, including Brighton. Damage was caused to houses, business premises and a number of casualties were reported.

Eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day. Four of our fighters have been lost but the pilot of one is safe.

It is now established that two enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft guns during the night of Monday-Tuesday.

### R.A.F.: More Raids On Italian Bases

Our bombers attacked aircraft on the Mediterranean landing ground on Sunday. All bombs fell on the target area.

Yesterday a second attack was delivered. Three explosions among the aircraft were followed by Tobruk last night. Yesterday in the first bombs burst among the buildings and near the jetty. In the second attack, bombs fell on buildings and very near ships beside the jetty.

Zula in Eritrea was attacked on September 21. Five were shot in the centre of the camp and were killed. 20 miles away.

Yesterday a successful attack was made on the aerodrome at Man Adaga. Two fighters were definitely destroyed.

The South African Air Force raided Selknam, in central Abyssinia, on September 22.

### CAIRO: Our Artillery Silences Enemy

No change has occurred in the situation in the western desert, according to a G.H.Q. communique.

The communique states: "During the evening of September 22, artillery silenced some enemy batteries."

"Many Matruh was raided four times during the night of September 22-23. There were no casualties."

"There is nothing to report on other fronts."

### CHANNEL: Attacks On Nazi Minesweepers

A formation of British bombers attacked by fighters attacked enemy mine-sweepers in the English Channel this afternoon.

Hits were obtained on two vessels and another was damaged by bombs which burst close to it.

During this operation, an attack was made by enemy fighters in which one of four bombers was shot down and one enemy destroyed.

### BRITISH GUNS POUNDING

have dropped bombs at Punta Europa.

"According to witnesses this was the heaviest raid yet made on Gibraltar and surpassed the intensity of the Italian attacks."

"United Press" and "Dome" Messages

Fighting In Progress at 4 p.m. A later "United Press" message says that according to General de Gaulle's headquarters the operations at Dakar were still in progress at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but that no details were available.

"Reuter" says that a despatch from Algiers to the German official news agency states that there is no confirmation of reports that French aircraft bombed Gibraltar.

Algiers reports that a reconnaissance plane was sighted over Gibraltar in the evening.

## Urban Council Tribute To Police Chief

Mr. Perdue Welcomed

At the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council yesterday, it was suggested by the Chairman, Mr. W. J. Currie, that a copy of the minutes be forwarded to the Hon. Mr. T. H. King with the Council's good wishes that he would long enjoy a happy retirement.

Mr. Currie said: "Before proceeding to the business of the day I should like, with your permission, to say a few words of farewell to a member of this Council who has just left us. I refer of course to Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police."

"The Commissioner of Police was one of the additional members appointed to the Urban Council when it was created at the end of 1935 to take the place of the old Sanitary Board. Mr. King has therefore been a member of the Urban Council since its formation on January 1, 1936."

"It is not for me to refer generally to Mr. King's services to the Colony during the 36 years he has been here, but I can speak of his services to this Council. The Commissioner of Police, as you all know, is a very busy man, but Mr. King rarely failed to find or to make time to attend the meetings of the Urban Council, and I am sure you have all noted, as I have on many occasions, the conscientious care and consideration which Mr. King always gave to any question submitted for his opinion, relating to the well-being of the inhabitants of the Colony."

"I suggest therefore that an expression of our appreciation of his loyal co-operation in the work entrusted to this Council should be entered in the minutes of this meeting, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these minutes to Mr. King with our good wishes that he will long enjoy a happy retirement."

Mr. Currie welcomed Mr. C. G. Perdue, who is taking Mr. King's place.

### Other Business

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed changes in the Estimates of the Sanitary Department for 1941-42, and the correspondence relative to the proposed erection of nine maturing tanks for animal manure at Kennedy Town for the utilisation of the animal manure from the slaughter houses, were laid on the table and approved.

An application for a food factory licence for In To Kong Village, Kowloon City, was refused.

### HONGKONG ESTATES

Fatally wounded by an armed robber on May 3 last, Mr. Jean Dubois, former Manager of Sonnet Freres, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$38,000. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to the widow, Mme. Helene Henrietta Dubois.

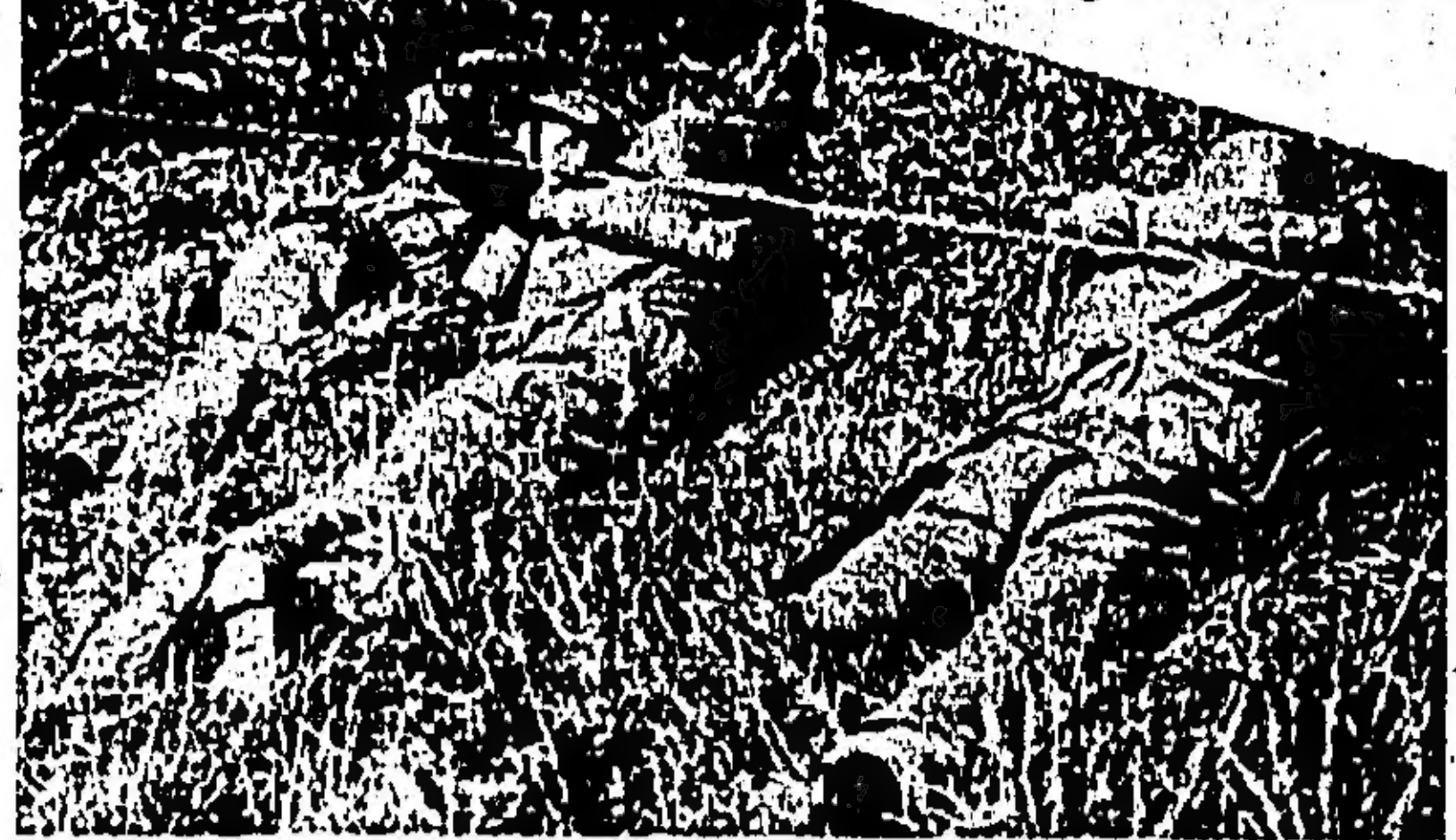
It will be recalled that M. Dubois met his death allegedly at the hands of one Li Hung-fu, alias Joseph Li, 20, when the latter attempted to rob the jewellery store. Li is now under sentence of death. He brought an appeal against the conviction, but this was dismissed, and it is understood he is appealing to the Privy Council.

### Resident of England

The late Mr. Alfred Edward Wyburn Hodgins, formerly of the Aldens, Martley, near Worcester, who died atournemouth on February 9 last, left local estate worth \$50,200. An application by Mr. H. R. Forsyth to seal certified copy of probate of the will has been granted.

## They Wait For The Invader

Jersey men who fled from their homes when the Germans occupied the Channel Islands will fly no longer. They have joined up in Britain, are here seen training with Lewis gun.



## Queen Mary Loses Her Dearest Friend

MORE than sixty years ago Princess May of England was taken by her mother to stay with the Earl of Warwick at the historic home of the Greville family, Warwick Castle.

There she met and adopted as her lifelong friend the earl's only daughter, Lady Eva Greville, who was seven years older, and said to be very like her in appearance.

Together they enjoyed holidays on the Continent and regularly stayed at each other's homes. When Princess May married and became Duchess of York she appointed Lady Eva as her first lady-in-waiting.

### World Trip

The Duchess of York became Princess of Wales and her lady-in-waiting married her equerry and became Lady Eva Dugdale.

Their two families grew up together. Lady Eva's eldest child, christened Victoria Mary after the Princess of Wales, became the firm friend of the present Princess Royal, who was exactly a year younger. Guy Dugdale, Lady Eva's younger son, became page to the royal household.

Lady Eva and her royal mistress travelled round the world and visited India together.

The Princess became Queen Mary of England, and her lady-in-waiting and equerry were given a royal home, Royal Lodge, the present home of the King and Queen.

Lady Eva became seriously ill. Queen Mary, at Buckingham Palace, heard the news at midnight. She ordered her car and drove through the night to be at her friend's bedside.

Now Queen Mary is mourning the death of her oldest and dearest friend. Lady Eva having died at her home, Hulse House, near Salisbury, Wilts.

### BRITAIN'S POSITION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, (UP).—The French Ambassador, M. Gaston Henry Haye, said the French troops in Indo-China are determined to resist the Japanese troops regardless of the cost.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, (Reuter).—The United States is closely watching the situation between Thailand and Indo-China, Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, declared to-day.

The question of the United States licensing aeroplanes to be sent to Thailand may be investigated, he added.

### Government Control Of Civil Building

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Government has decided to control civil building and a scheme of licensing will come into force on October 7. It is similar to that introduced in the middle of the last war.

The new plan will be operated by the Commissioners of Work and housing officers have been appointed in each of the 12 regional areas.

It will forbid, with certain exceptions, any private building or construction operation which has not been authorised or licensed.

Operations costing less than £500 will not require a licence.

### Story Of "Reuters" Is Filmed

Screened Before U.S. Newspapers

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The first public exhibition of the film, "A Dispatch from Reuters" in which Edward G. Robinson plays the part of Baron Julius de Reuter has been followed by its exhibition to a specially invited group of American editors, newspaper proprietors and leader-writers.

The film deals with the foundation and early years of the Reuters news agency, culminating with the occasion when Reuters' news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865 reached England far in advance of the official reports.

### TERRIFIC RAIDS ON BERLIN

FROM PAGE ONE

and wrecked parts of the Neukulin gas works.

Another large gas works at Charlottenburg was quickly gutted by fire. Railway yards at Charlottenburg and elsewhere were seen to be hit.

B.M.W. aero-engine works at Spandau were bombed as well as the Tempelhof aerodrome.

The Siemens works received a direct hit.

One pilot who attacked a large gas works in the north-east area of Berlin reported on his return that it was plain sailing all the way there and back—a journey of some 1,200 miles.

The following aircraft, however, met strong opposition and the pilots described how "things started to hum just as we got near Berlin."

### Volunteer Rinks

The following will represent the A.S.C. Coy. H.K.V.D.C. in a bowls game against the Bowlers at the Kowloon B.G.C. at 4 p.m. to-day: L/Cpl. Gow, Capt. Fitzpatrick, Sgt. Hyde, Sgt. Meyer (skip), Capt. Davies, L/Cpl. Pearce, L/Cpl. Tuck, Pte. Roselet (skip), Pte. Leonard, Sgt. Milner, Cpl. Kern, Pte. Kern (skip).

It was announced that he had been awarded the Military Medal for "initiative, devotion to duty and courage of very high order."

When the carrier was hit by a shell and one of his arms was blown off he urged the driver not to stop, and carried on with one arm.

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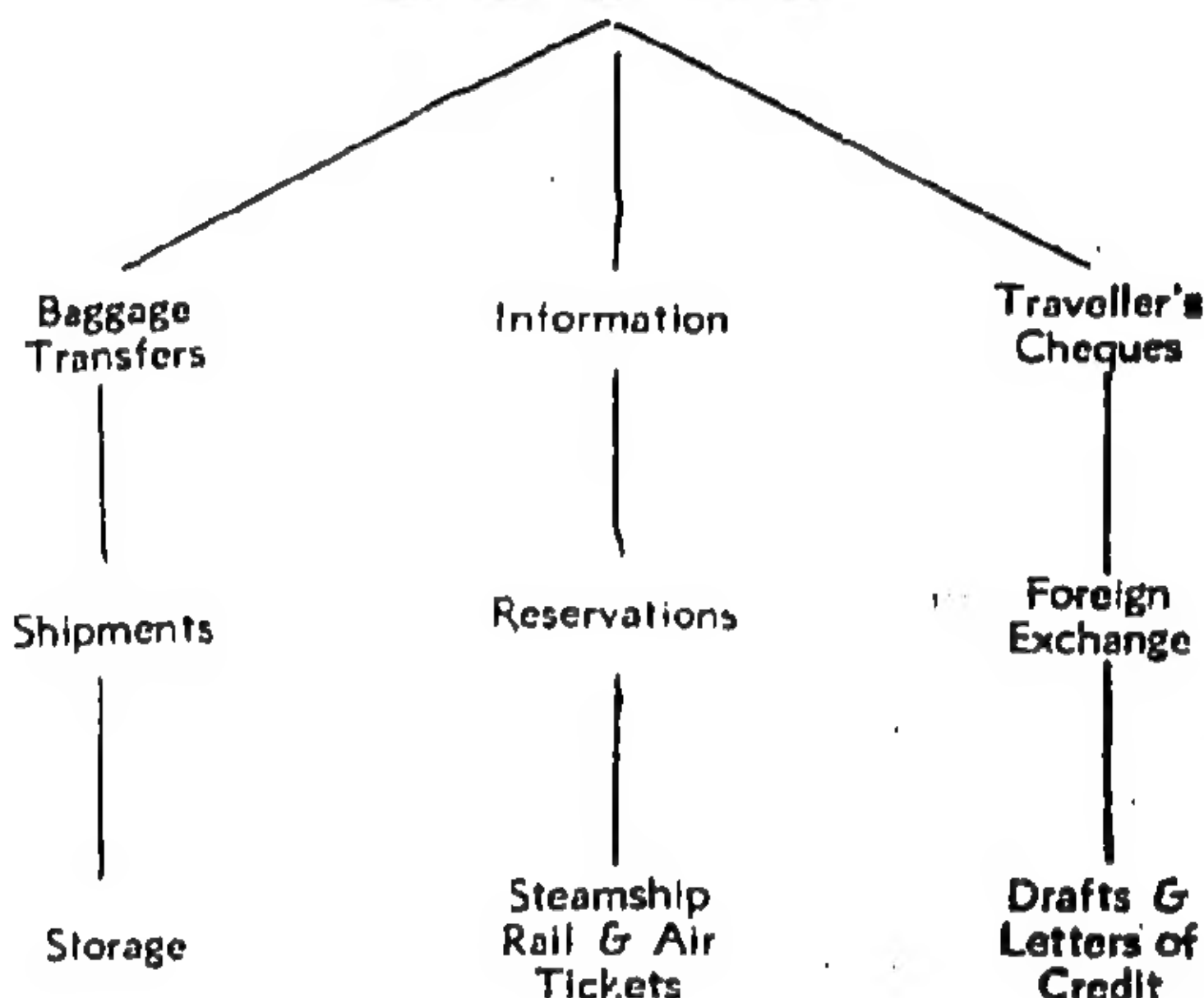
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## Private Went On With One Arm

"Don't Stop," He Said

As his Bren-gun carrier moved up a road at Wytschaete, in Flanders, Pte. F. Williams, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, threw grenades among the enemy lying in a ditch.

When the carrier was hit by a shell and one of his arms was blown off he urged the driver not to stop, and carried on with one arm.

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## Around The Courses

# LOCAL CONDITIONS REVERT TO NORMAL

## Kowloon G.C. Fairways In Fine Trim: Merits Of Various Holes

(By "Birdie")

AT LONG LAST courses are nearing normal. Water has either evaporated or drained away, and, generally speaking, the ground is none too worse for it. The fairways at Kowloon are in exceptionally fine condition, and, except for the 1st where one is as often as not likely to find the ball plugged, it is really a pleasure to play on them. With reasonable accuracy, one can be sure to find the ball sitting on a bit of "pretty".

Drainage and grass-cutting has worked wonders at the Country Club, Sheungshui, while latest news from the Shek-O Country Club is that the new 18th hole has been opened, and Par for the course has been reduced from 70 to 64.

I went around the newly extended course at Kowloon on Saturday for the first time, and had a very enjoyable afternoon. From hearsay, last week, I mentioned that the Par 34 was a difficult one, and I can now verify the truth of that statement, for the long 3rd, the short 4th, the blind 6th and 7th will ever see to that.

The other holes are as straightforward as the beautifully crooked round of any golf course designer would permit.

There was one incident that day that was as refreshing as it was unique. We were approaching the 9th green, when, from behind us, in a voice that Mary would have envied in her poor efforts to call the dog home across the sands of the sea, there came a stentorian yell.

One of my opponents, who was shaping for a chip, shied like a startled horse, thinking he was about to play some one else's ball. But it was only a member of another club calling his caddy!

CLUBHOUSE chatter drifted around to the merits of various holes. A Kowloon member gave the palm to the short 4th, which is about 200 yards long.

It is either a No. 2 iron or a spoon shot. The green nestles snugly within enclosing bunkers, and from the tee to the edge of the bunkers is a stretch of rough and long grass.

On the first time round I was lucky enough to get out of the grass and on to the green in 2, but on the second occasion I became weary of doing the work of a lawn mower and picked up.

Full marks to this and the blind 6th and 7th. The 6th and 7th at Sheungshui are the nearest out there in similarity to these. The 6th is a Par 4, if you stick to the fairway, but the ambitious usually try over the hill that makes a dog-leg, and as usually go down in 6 or 7. The 7th is very much alike to Kowloon's 4th.

The new 10th at Shek-O, though not yet tried out, offers the most serious problem to golfers there. It is 200 yards, and over a hill, and to be either short or long means playing out of boggy ground.

## Finals And Finalists For Events To-day

THE FOLLOWING are the finalists for the final events of Colony swimming championships at the V.R.C. this evening, commencing at 6.15 p.m.

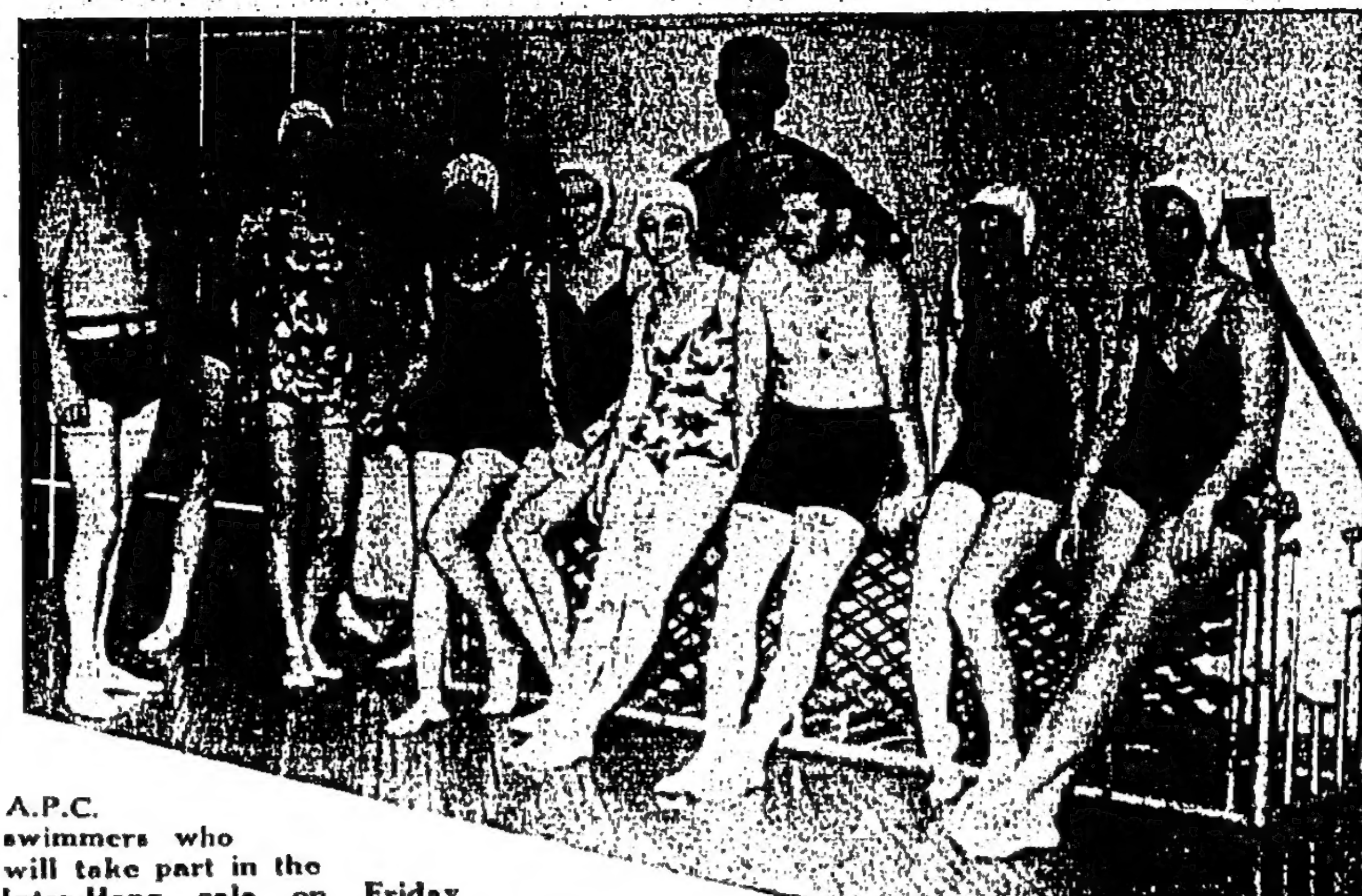
Men's 220 yds. Free-style  
Ng Nam Charles, Huang Chun, and Miss Wai-ming and Yau Sui-ling.  
Women's 50 yds. Free-style  
I. Lopes, V. Chiu, Ko Mui-ling, Ho Wai-king and J. Anderson.  
Women's 100 yds. Back-stroke  
Lee Cheuk-wah, I. Lopes, Shi Wai-ying, D. Wei and Tsang Fung-kwan.  
Men's 100 yds. Breast-stroke  
Kung Sui-shue, Ng Nin, Ho Poon-kan, Lau M. Remedios and Fong Chong-yin.  
Women's 200 yds. Free-style Relay  
Chung Sing Benevolent Society, V.R.C. "A" and V.R.C. "B".

Holes like these, however, make golf a great game—if it isn't taken too seriously.

THE championships of Shek-O Country Club will be played over the new 18-hole course on October 6. Seniors and juniors will play together with the new Par in force. Handicaps have remained the same as those for Fanning.

The Championship of the Colony, too, will be held towards the end of next month. The limit of handicaps has been raised from 10 to 12, and already those eligible are practicing hard.

The weather is finally turning more favourable for golf. It is yet just a little too hot around noon, but provided one starts early enough in the morning and at a reasonable hour in the afternoon, it is quite pleasant.



A.P.C. swimmers who will take part in the Inter-Hong gala on Friday practicing at the European Y.M.C.A. pool. Reading left to right: N. S. Spence, P. K. M. Patten, Miss F. Gomez, L. de C. Blechynden, Mrs. L. Shaw (C.L.&P.), Miss P. Hamblin, Mrs. M. Sterling, J. L. Halsey, G. Thomerson, Miss N. Quinn and Miss S. Baskett.—Ming Yuen.



U. M. OMAR... who broke his "jinx" of years in beating J. McKelvie yesterday.—Staff Photographer.

## U. M. Omar Breaks His Jinx

Triumph Over McKelvie 21-14 At Recreio

(By "Tinker")

IN DEFEATING J. McKelvie 21-14 in the Second Round of the Open Singles lawn bowls championship at the Club de Recreio yesterday, U. M. Omar also defeated the "jinx" that has dogged him on each of the other occasions on which he has won the title.

Champion in 1931, he was eliminated in the first round of the 1932 competition, winner in 1937, he was eliminated in the first round of the 1938 tournament, and winner last year he anticipated that his luck would continue and that he would suffer defeat in his first match yesterday. He received a bye in the first round.

And it was well on the cards too, for McKelvie, over the first 15 heads was playing excellent bowls. At the 11th he was leading 11-6, but with a succession of singles, however, Omar crept up to 10-11 on the 15th.

The pavilion end of the ground was bad, especially for a full head. The jack rested in the spot where the most would lie, and on the 16th head both men found the dip and alternately lay the shot when their woods turned over at right angles to the line of flight.

Over the last heads, however, Omar was on and around the jack for almost every head. McKelvie on isolated occasions came through with bowls that only just failed. The 21st head saw one of these occasions. Omar lay 3, and McKelvie's last wood took out one shot and then rolled over the wrong way to leave 2, otherwise the shot would have been McKelvie's.

### A.E. COATES ELIMINATED

M. R. ABBAS repeated his performance of last year's and eliminated A. E. Coates 22-10 yesterday at the Civil Service C.C. Coates was not playing too well, and when Abbas drew for two 4's on the 9th and 10th ends, Coates was unable to draw near enough to disturb the position.

### CLOSE MATCH

ONE of the closest matches was at the K.C.C. where C.C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 21-18 on the 24th head. On the 22nd end the scores were tied 18-18, and despite Pereira's single on the 23rd the match was only lost when Abbas lost touch over the 24th and gave away a 3.

### RESULTS

Club de Recreio.  
U. M. Omar beat J. McKelvie 21-14 on 24th head.  
Civil Service C.C.  
M. R. Abbas beat A. E. Coates 22-10 on 17th head.  
W. Gill beat E. G. Post 21-15 on 22nd head.  
Kowloon F.C.  
F. X. M. Silva beat B. Basso 21-8 on 18th head.  
Kowloon B.C.C.  
W. J. Howard beat C. H. Basso 21-10 on 17th head.  
Kowloon C.C.  
C. C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 21-18 on 24th head.  
S. Landolt beat C. Dowman 21-11 on 21st head.  
Craigensower C.C.  
M. N. Rakusen beat F. P. Anslow 21-11 on 18th head.  
A. R. Minu beat J. J. Basso 21-5 on 14th head.



J. MCKELVIE... at one time appeared the likely winner.—Staff Photographer.

## Major Baseball

## CLEVELAND BEATEN BY ST. LOUIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP).—Cleveland Indians dropped in the American League to-day when they were beaten by the St. Louis Browns, and Detroit Tigers, who were idle, are now further ahead in the race for the pennant.

### SCORES WERE:

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
St. Louis	7	14	3
Batteries:	Auker, Swift	2	0
Cleveland	Hardest, Eisenstat, Allen, Flynn	0	0
Batteries:	Hardest, Eisenstat, Allen, Flynn	0	0
Washington	4	7	0
Batteries:	Krakauskas, Haynes, Carrasquel, Early	9	0
New York	Chandler, Murphy, Roar, Dickey	0	0
(Called in the 7th owing to darkness)			
Boston	Wilson, Dessautels	4	2
Philadelphia	Beckman, Hayes	3	0
Batteries:	Beckman, Hayes	3	0

### League Table

	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	27	12	.692
Cleveland	20	24	.455

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	4	9	.308
Batteries:	Lohman, Melton, Dean, Oden	6	2
Brooklyn	3	10	.231
Batteries:	Wyatt, Casey, Franks		

## SPORTS ADVT.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 5th and Thursday, 10th October, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; The Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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3 A"	x	1/4" & 5/32"
3 1/2"	x	2 mm & 3 mm
3 3/4"	x	2 mm & 4 mm
3 7/8"	x	3/32" & 5/32"
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## Crossword Puzzle

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**ACROSS**

1. Name in music
2. Strip of leather
3. Name of a city
4. Woman's voice
5. Old woman
6. Sewing basket
7. Modern dictionary
8. Disturbance
9. Driveline
10. Contribution
11. Sharp pain
12. Projections in back of head
13. Moisture from eye
14. Get away
15. Concocted
16. Performances
17. Vigor
18. Hysteria
19. Clanking sound
20. Jumped head
21. Rascally child of
22. Worthless remnant
23. Ignorant
24. Frenzied
25. Firm-shaped body
26. Before
27. Mountain lion
28. Mexican peasant
29. Begging
30. Pooling
31. Ship of Argonauts
32. Asiatic wild dog
33. Weary
34. Combining form: hand
35. Containing guide

**DOWN**

1. Indian weapon
2. Secretary
3. Groups of three performers
4. Prussian field-marshal
5. Traces
6. English school
7. Breathing organ
8. Military assistant
9. Dumplings
10. Surge of water
11. Come to point
12. French general
13. Elected King of Poland
14. Was removed of
15. Bird's claw
16. Make happy
17. Irritation by fear
18. Ship-borne
19. Judgment day
20. Furred palm
21. Downward in
22. Portmanteau
23. Para count in
24. Small cabbage
25. Choice
26. Hawaiian rifle
27. Identical
28. Foully
29. Itchy sun god
30. Artistic wind
31. Minute of length
32. Persian
33. American coin
34. Color

## TINPLATE SHAREHOLDERS CHALLENGE DIRECTORS BOOS AND CHEERS AT STEEL CO. MEETING

CRIES OF "ROT" AND "SACK THE LOT" AND A PROTEST FROM SIR WILLIAM FIRTH, THE FORMER CHAIRMAN, INTERRUPTED THE EARL OF DUDLEY WHEN HE PRESIDED OVER THE ANNUAL MEETING IN LONDON OF RICHARD THOMAS AND CO., THE £20,000,000 STEEL AND TINPLATE COMBINE.

Sir William was removed from his office in April by the Control Committee, of which Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, was chairman, as the outcome of what was then called "irreconcilable difference within the Board."

Uproar began when Lord Dudley said in a time of national emergency it would be inadvisable to enlarge publicly on the nature of the differences.

"Shouts of 'No,' 'I protest,' and 'We want to hear the facts,'" greeted this statement.

Lord Dudley said no other course than the one pursued was possible in the best interests of the company.

"Give Us The Facts"

At this Sir William Firth leapt to his feet, and said: "I really protest here and now. You should give the facts."

Sir William was greeted with prolonged applause when he was permitted to read a long statement.

Several times he was interrupted by Lord Dudley.

Amid cries of "We want to hear Sir William Firth," Sir William was allowed to proceed, and after one altercation with the chairman, exchanged a smile and a handshake with him.

"I feel," said Sir William, "like a captain who has lost his ship and is here to report to the owners how it happened. About two years ago, in very dirty weather, some pirates pushed us on the rocks and boarded us disguised as 'national interests' men."

"In these anxious times it is prudent to build reserves and to build a dividend, but I think it is going altogether too far when a company earns, as this company has earned, £3,170,000 to withhold the whole of the earnings."

"The method of obtaining possession by the appointment of a control committee is as unjust as it is un-English."

Cheers lasting several minutes followed Sir William's speech.

**Women's Protest**

Mrs. Melville, of Stratford-on-Avon, a shareholder, addressing Lord Dudley, declared: "The man we want sitting in your place is Sir William Firth," and Mrs. J. H. Folland, of Swanscombe, complained of the "Hitlerian methods" in which she contended, the business of Sir William's removal had been carried out.

When Lord Dudley and Mr. J. E. James, the deputy chairman, admitted they were not shareholders of the company, Mr. B. Russell, a shareholder, exclaimed: "Good heavens, is this a madhouse?"

Mr. Russell then named two other directors who, he alleged, held no shares. His allegation was greeted with cries of "Sack the lot."

Lord Dudley complained that Sir William Firth had made "completely untrue allegations" about the board.

"That is calling me a liar," retorted Sir William. "You can't do that."

A shareholder's amendment to adjourn the meeting for a month was declared carried by show of hands. Lord Dudley then demanded a poll.

Replying to a shareholder he said he was going to make use of the board's preferential voting power.

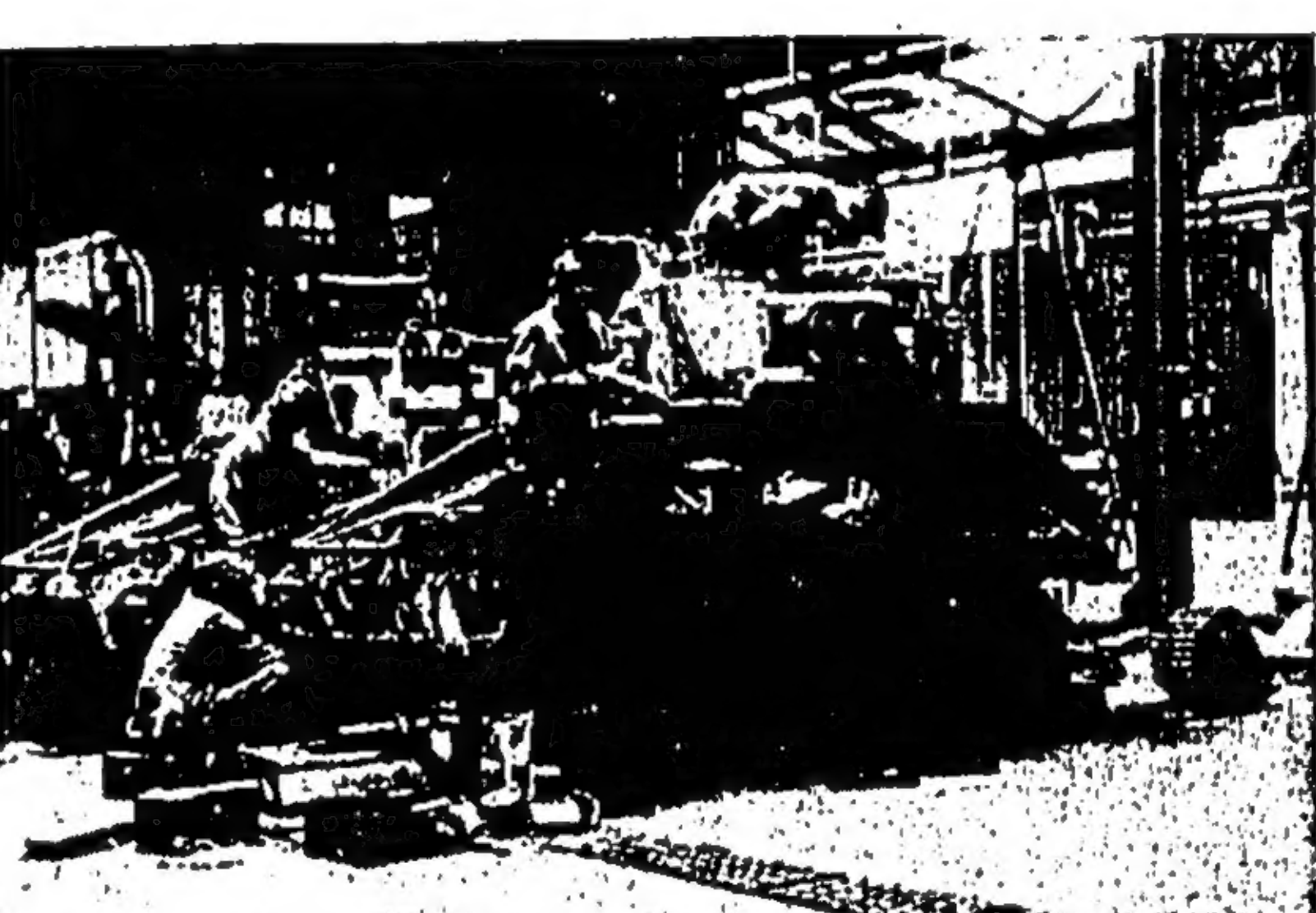
The shareholder: Then the result is a foregone conclusion.

Lord Dudley: I am strictly within my legal rights.

Sir William Firth: Do you intend to outvote every resolution which is contrary to your wish?—Yes, Sir.

Shareholders then gathered round Sir William Firth and held an informal meeting. There were calls of "Three cheers for Sir William Firth," and "Three boos for the chairman."

## Britain's Tank Army Is Growing Fast



The Northern Command R.A.O.C. Motor Transport Workshops are averaging eighteen hours a day, overhauling and repairing motor transport of all descriptions. They are here photographed at work re-erecting a light tank.

## "Belgium Will Never Surrender To Germany"

"BELGIUM has concluded no Armistice with the enemy, she has signed no separate peace—in fact the struggle continues."

The Belgian Ambassador, Baron Cartier de Marchienne, said this when he broadcast from B.B.C. stations in English, French and Flemish, in celebration of Belgium's National Festival.

"Our thoughts go out to our brothers and sisters who are under the yoke of the invader, to those who have fallen on the battlefield, and to our King, who is a prisoner of war and thus shares the fate of his Army and his people in Belgium," said the Baron.

"In our long history we have sustained many a hard blow, many a reverse, but, thanks to our will to live free and independent, in the end we were always victorious; and so it will be again this time."

"In these hours of stress, we Belgians are proud to be in your midst. We are determined to contribute to the fullest extent of our possibilities towards the achievement of our common task and thus to secure the restoration of the freedom and independence of our beloved country."

Whitehall was crowded with refugees when 350 wounded Belgian soldiers and ex-Servicemen celebrated the day by honouring Britons who fell in the last war.

They met in Parliament-square and arrived at the Cenotaph headed by Belgian military police in their picturesque blue uniforms with red and silver facings.

Afterwards a service was held at the Church of Notre Dame de Hal, Camden Town, N.

## SEAVACUATION NAMES STILL BEING TAKEN

A statement on the Government's decision to drop seavacation to the United States and the Dominions is expected to be made shortly. The scheme has not been abandoned; it will be put into operation as soon as transport conditions permit.

Meanwhile registration of children is to go on.

## CRUISER "SUNK BY CHEEK"

Says Italian Officer

THIS new account of the sinking of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni by H.M.A.S. Sydney was given by an Italian officer, now a war prisoner in Egypt:

"We expected to win, of course. There were two Italian cruisers against one Australian cruiser with a small force of destroyers."

"Our ships, too, were technically superior. They were not only faster, but their guns had longer range."

"We were very happy about it."

"But the devilish cheek of those Australians! They showed no respect for our longer range."

"They rushed into the fight, and treated our fire with contempt. For ten minutes we shelled them, and they did not answer."

"Then they let fly."

"Almost the first shell finished the Bartolomeo Colleoni. She was struck in a vital spot. She began to sink quickly. The battle was over. Our beautiful victory was gone."

**JOB IS WAR-MADE**  
88-YEAR-OLD MAN HAS BECOME A "ROAD PILOT"

Because country roads are unimproved nowadays, Mr. A. F. Minns, aged eighty-eight, a haulage contractor of Chertsey, Surrey, has left his retirement to act as "pilot" to the drivers of his lorries on Government work.

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## V.C. COMMISSIONAIRE ADMITS HE IS THE MAN WHO NEARLY KILLED ADOLF HITLER

MEET the Man Who Nearly Killed Hitler—Sergeant Tandy, V.C., now a Commissionaire at a Coventry motor works.

When Mr. Chamberlain visited Hitler in his nest at Berchtesgaden, the Fuehrer showed him a painting by Fortunino Matania of a 1918 battle scene at Menin cross-roads.

## CHOLERA STATISTICS

### Many Fatal Cases in Present Epidemic

Latest Cholera statistics supplied by the Medical authorities show that 703 cases had occurred in the Colony up to yesterday, of which five have been imported from Malaya. A total of 499, or about 65 per cent, have died.

Two hundred and twenty-two cases are under treatment in the Kennedy Town Infectious Diseases Hospital and the Laichikok Cholera Hospital.

The distribution of the cases may be of interest. Kowloon City leads with 400, with 193 cases from Kowloon proper, some of which are undoubtedly traceable to Kowloon City. Figures for other districts are: New Territories 12, San Tin and Junk in the Harbour 6, Western district of Hongkong 39, Eastern district 29, Central district 13, Shamshuwan 9, and Aberdeen 1.

### Small Decrease Shown

Nine cases of Cholera (two from Victoria and seven from Kowloon), four cases of Typhoid (one imported, one each of Measles and Meningitis), four of Dysentery, and 42 of Tuberculosis were reported up to midnight on Monday.

The weekly return shows the following notable diseases: Cholera 198 cases with 225 deaths (two imported); two cases of Diphtheria with one death; 40 of Typhoid with six deaths (one imported); four of Measles (two imported); one of Dysentery with one death; one of Typhoid fever with one death; and 206 of Tuberculosis with 114 deaths (three imported).

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange Official summary issued yesterday says: The market today was quiet, with little or no change in prices, and a small volume of business.

**Buyers:**  
H.K. Free Press \$150, Humphreys \$7.15, Realities \$3.40, Trans \$15.85, Sun Feries \$59, Yauwatt Feries \$22, China Lights (old) \$7, China Lights (new) \$4, Electric (old) \$38.25, Electric (new) \$37.80, Telephones (new) \$9.00, Rogers \$5.50, Dairy Farms \$18.50, Watsons \$8.85, Entertainment \$6.00.

**Sellers:**  
Realities \$3.55, Trans \$16, China Lights (old) \$7.15, Muen Electric (old) \$15, Muen Electric (new) \$16, Telephones (old) \$24.75.

**Sales:**  
Providents \$4.53, Sun Feries \$50, China Lights (old) \$7.05, Telephones (old) \$24.50, Cements \$16.

## LATE NEWS

### British Submarine Feared Lost

LONDON, Sept. 24, (Reuters).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. submarine Thetis (Lieut. Commr. W. D. Dunkley, R.N.) is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed.

### Central figure of the painting was Sergeant Tandy.

"That was nearly the scene of my death," Hitler told Mr. Chamberlain. "That man in the centre came so near to killing me that I thought I would never see Germany again."

The painting records the action for which Tandy gained his V.C.

With his platoon, armed with two machine guns, he held up and later routed a large German contingent who had occupied a ridge a few hundred yards from the cross-roads.

### Charged Machine Gun Nest

The Germans had sixteen machine guns—and, serving one of them was Corporal Adolf Hitler.

For four days Tandy had the sights of his gun trained on members of the German gun crews and one by one he polished them off.

Hitler said to Mr. Chamberlain: "Providence alone saved me from such devilishly accurate fire."

To get to the Germans a plank bridge had to be crossed, and most of the planks had been displaced. Under a hail of bullets, Tandy dashed forward, replaced the planks, and led his platoon charging across.

Many of his comrades fell, and Tandy, with eight of his company were surrounded. Instead of surrendering, he gave orders: "Fix bayonets—charge!"

The nine men slashed through the Germans and took 37 prisoners. The rest turned tail and ran—led by Corporal Hitler.

Sergeant Tandy is the only N.C.O. living with the right to wear the V.C., the D.C.M., the M.M., and the Mons Star.

But none of these decorations compares him when he thinks how different the world might be today had he not his gun-sights on that German corporal who could run so well.

### COSTS MORE TO LIVE YOU NEED 24.2 TO BUY £1 WORTH OF GOODS

With a jump of six points from 181 to 187 in the cost-of-living index—potatoes, milk, eggs and fish were all dearer—it now takes 24s. 2d. to buy goods which cost £1 on September 1 last year.

The jump, announced the Ministry of Labour, was bigger than in any month since October, when the disturbance of the start of the war on prices was reflected.

## Lord Catto For Bank Of England?

WHO will succeed Mr. Montagu Norman as Governor of the Bank of England?

Mr. Attlee's recent promise of banking control has drawn attention to the problem, which is now under discussion in responsible quarters.

Mr. Norman's resignation, though it is not to be expected immediately, cannot be long delayed.

He is in his 70th year, and has been Governor for more than 20 years.

### "Grooming" Him

Lord Catto, recently appointed to the new job of Financial Adviser to the Treasury, is regarded in the City and elsewhere as the leading candidate.

His appointment to that post (formerly occupied in effect by Mr. Norman) is not unattractively taken to be the first step in "grooming" him as Mr. Norman's successor.

He is a partner in the firm of Morgan Grenfell, one of the most powerful and exclusive of the private banking houses. One of his colleagues there is Mr. Pierpont Morgan of New York.

Lord Catto is highly acceptable to City and Treasury opinion.

Outside these circles he does not have much support.

### "Too Narrow"

His associations and experience are felt to be too narrow for a job which carries with it great financial and political power.

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4. The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
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6. No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of loss of, or damage to entries.
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10. No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
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### FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

## British Air Raids On Berlin

### Barrage Falls To Check R.A.F.

Berlin, Sept. 24. British bombers inflicted some fatalities and set fire to certain sections of Berlin last night and this morning during the capital's longest alarm of the war.

The enemy planes came over the city in waves, dropping explosive and incendiary bombs, despite the city's heaviest barrage yet. It was learned to-day that the alarm was sounded at midnight at Stettin. Details are lacking.

The roar of the ground batteries was the loudest Berlin has known. Guns fired from all parts of the city, virtually without pause. The motors of the British planes, on their second visit in as many nights, could be distinctly heard from the United Press office.

As if in defiance of Germany's threat to annihilate the British nation, the planes came over earlier, in waves, even before the alarm was sounded at 11:23 p.m. The all-clear signal was sounded at 3:10 a.m. United Press correspondents on their way home after the alarm saw two large fires, apparently from burning warehouses or factories, in north-west Berlin. Thousands of people crowded towards that section after the all-clear signal freed them from the shelters.

### German Accusation

Today's official communique stated: "Last night several British planes, despite a very heavy anti-aircraft defence, succeeded in flying over the outer districts to the north and east of Berlin, dropping bombs. The location of the bomb centers, far from any objective of military or war importance, is new proof that the British fleet attack residential quarters with full intention. As a result there has been some property damage to private houses and several civilians have been killed. No military damage resulted."

The British planes dropped dozens of bombs, which fell in the north-west Berlin, and one in the south-east. There were sporadic detonations, apparently from bombs—United Press.

### 11 Killed: 14 Injured

Berlin, Sept. 24. According to unauthorised circles 11 people were killed and 14 injured in last night's raid on Berlin—United Press.

### Damage Inspection Refused

Stockholm, Sept. 24. The Berlin military authorities are granting foreign journalists there no facilities to inspect damage done during last night's R.A.F. raid, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Aften Bladet. He adds that the attacks were the most serious and most intensive yet made—Reuters.

### Air Ministry Report

London, Sept. 24. An Air Ministry communique issued to-day stated: "Throughout last night strong bomber forces of the R.A.F. delivered heavy attacks on military objectives in and around Berlin. This attack was on a much larger scale than any yet carried out and preliminary reports show that extensive damage was done. Among targets selected by our aircraft and heavily bombed were the Potsdamer Platz Station and several docks yards, including that at Grunewald, the west tower of the Wilmersdorf electric power station, gas works at Dantzigstrasse and Neukolln, and factories at Charlottenburg and Spandau (including the Brandenburg motor works)."

"During the night Channel ports in enemy occupation were vigorously attacked. Three of our aircraft have not returned."—British Wireless.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Totals of \$1,345,226.00 and 428 were reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the South China Morning Post Ltd. The following donations are: A Royal Scots Private ..... \$ 3 Directors, British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd. in memory of the late Mrs. F. Stafford Smith ..... 50 Stan, British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd. in memory of the late Mrs. F. Stafford Smith ..... 104 Mrs. W. Passmore in memory of the late Mrs. Louise Murray ..... 2 Anonymous (Hampshire) ..... 28

### GIFTS FOR REFUGEES

The Director of Medical Services acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations: From Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Vice-President of the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, \$250 for repairs to damage caused by typhoid at the Lo Shu Ling Refugee Camp at the frontier. From Women's Relief Association, \$2 for an organ for the Malachuk Camp School.

### DOGS HOME

The Hon. Secretary of the Dogs Home acknowledges receipt of a donation to the Home of \$20, in memory of the late Mrs. Maud Woods, from Mrs. A. Hall.

## Shanghai Volunteers

### Large Contingent For Service

The largest of recent contingents of men who have enlisted in Shanghai for war service, numbering 55, arrived at Hongkong yesterday on board a British liner, on their way to Malaya and India to serve with the British Army.

Many outposts in North China are represented in the group, which includes both single and married men. Another contingent, of about 150, will follow in a month's time.

Also on board the same liner are 12 Frenchmen from Shanghai who are travelling to London to join General de Gaulle's forces. They are led by M.P. La Roche de La Roche & Co.

The British volunteers include several men from Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., Butterfield and Swire, and other well known British firms in the Far East. Some of these firms are understood to be paying their former employees 25 per cent of their salaries for the duration of the war.

As their ship slowly passed the Italian liner Conte Verde which is sheltering in the Whampoo, the volunteers lined the rails and taunted the Italian seamen with shouts of "Caporetto" and "Adown" as well as "We'll see you in the Near East," one of the British and Abyssinians at Adowa in an early campaign in Africa.

About 25 of the volunteers are going to Bombay to undergo training at a Cadet school, after which they will be granted commissions with the Indian Army. The remainder are proceeding to Singapore.

Those who arrived yesterday included Mr. T. W. Gubb, former deputy secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who recently resigned to enlist. Mr. R. G. Woodhead, well-known Shanghai newspaperman and son of Mr. H. G. Woodhead, editor of Oriental Affairs, Mr. G. John Winney of Thos Cook and Son, and the following members of the staff of Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd.—Messrs. S. J. Ward, R. H. Eckford, C. V. Eckford, R. J. Lane, S. Martin, D. Campbell, D. Aucutt and A. A. White.

Others were Mr. J. Wilson of Butterfield and Swire, Mr. D. L. P. Hauer, Mr. J. Moore, and Mr. W. Williams of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Mr. W. Weir of the Mercantile Bank, Mr. H. Fabian of MacKenzie & Co., and the following from the Kailan Mining Administration—Mr. R. Mohan, Mr. A. Newland, and Mr. H. Collier.

Three of the volunteers, Messrs. G. H. Shuster, G. A. Clayton and R. G. Ward, were members of the Royal Air Force Association in Shanghai.

## Evacuation Exemption Considered

### Appeals To Be Heard Publicly

The following official communique to the Press was issued yesterday afternoon, by the Colonial Secretary:

In connection with the recent appointment by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of an Evacuation Advisory Committee, the following information regarding the procedure to be adopted by the Committee is notified for general information.

The Committee will consider applications for exemption from evacuation of women and children who have not already been granted exemption, and applications on behalf of women or children who desire to return to the Colony. It is emphasised that permission to return will be granted only in entirely exceptional cases. Appeals on medical grounds or on grounds of individual hardship will not generally be considered.

2. Applications should be made in the first place in writing, a full statement of the grounds on which the application is made being given. The Committee will consider such applications in private.

3. In the event of an application made under paragraph 2 not being granted, the applicant may apply to the Committee for a hearing in person. Such applications will be heard in public session of the Committee.

## MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### THREE PAPERS TO BE READ AT TO-DAY'S MEETING

A meeting of the Hongkong branch of the China and British Medical Association will be held at the Queen Mary Hospital at 8:15 p.m. to-day, with the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, in the Chair. Two papers will be given by Professor K. H. Digby, D.M.S., F.R.C.S., entitled (1) "The twelfth rib—its position in kidney and other operations," and (2) "An aid to ventriculography."

Dr. T. C. Lien will read a paper on the treatment of burns, which will be illustrated by clinical cases. All members of the medical profession will be welcome.



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2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Selections from Noel Coward's Hits.

6.28 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 An Hour of Popular Classics.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Albert Sandler (Violin) and his Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—"Great Authors" No. 4: Scott; Talk by Father Ryan S.J.

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9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—Matters of Moment.

9.45 Rale da Costa and Harry Jacobson. (Two Pianos).

9.57 p.m. Dance Music and Variety.

11.00 Close Down.

MESSAGE TO KING CONGRATULATIONS ON ESCAPE FROM BOMBS

The following telegram from the Acting Governor, Hongkong, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, was sent on September 20: "In the name of this Colony, I request that my thankful congratulations be offered to Their Majesties on their recent escape from bombing attack."

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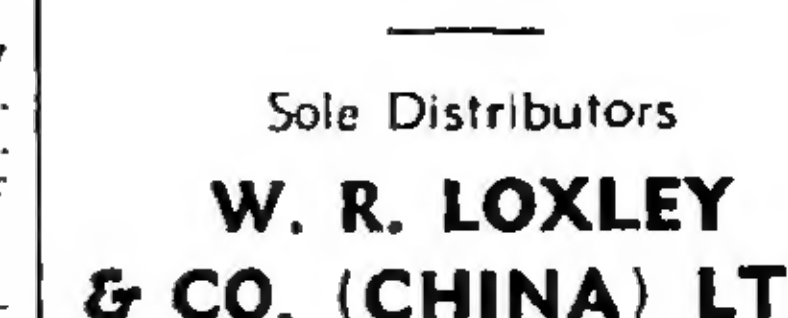
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Service" Sept. 25.

U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Aug.) Sept. 25.

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Formosa ..... Sept. 28.

U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Seattle date 28th August) Sept. 28.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 1st September) Sept. 29.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 24th September ..... Oct. 1.

Java and Manila ..... Oct. 1.

Australia and Manila ..... Oct. 2.

Calcutta and Straits ..... Oct. 2.

London and Straits ..... Oct. 2.

Java and Manila ..... Oct. 9.

Thursday, Sept. 29

Sandakan ..... 8.30 a.m.

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya ..... 8.30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa ..... 8.30 p.m.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Service" to Durban and thence by Sea Service to United-Kingdom. G.P.O. & K.F.O.

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Reg. .... Sept. 28, 5 p.m.

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Straits and Calcutta.

Parcels ..... Oct. 30, 10.30 a.m.

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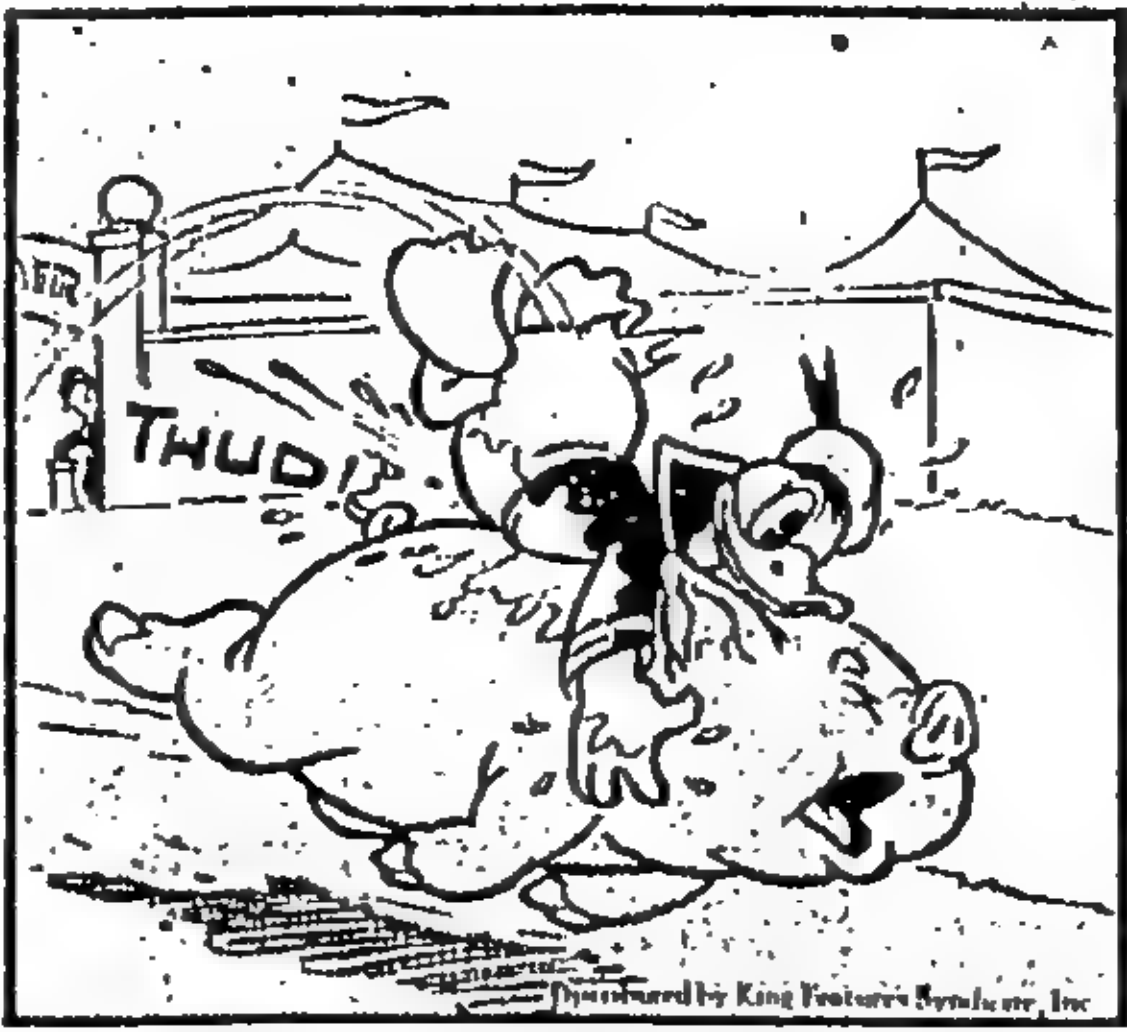
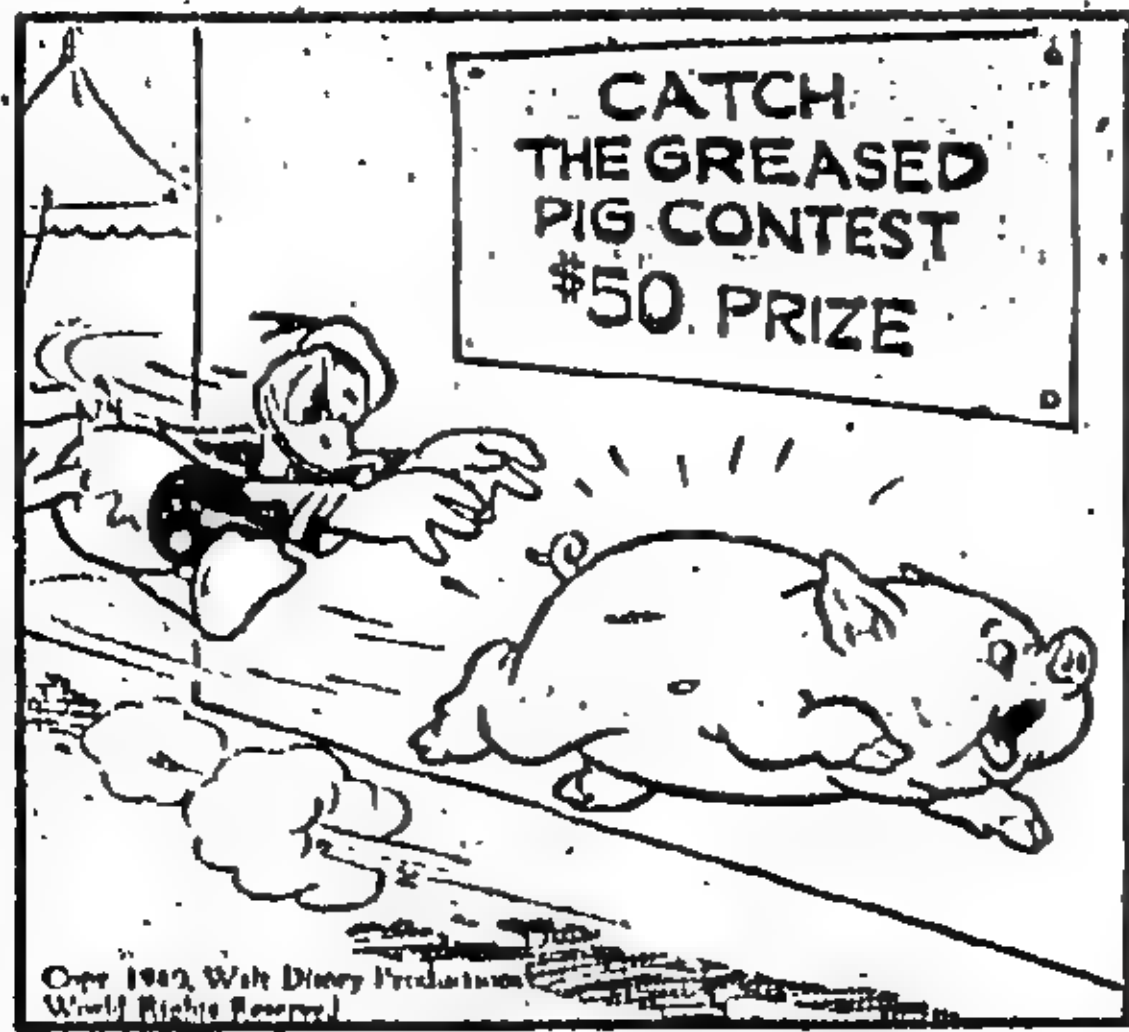
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# MAGAZINE PAGE

## CONSIDER THE TWO BLOCKADES

By F. Kingdon Ward  
The Scientist And Explorer

JAPAN is blockading China in the East as Great Britain is blockading Europe in the West. That is a very significant fact.

It means that the Eurasian continent is shut off from the world on three sides, Europe being geographically no more than the north-western peninsula of Asia.

The Polar Sea keeps the fourth side closed for six or eight months in the year. Thus Great Britain and Japan are blockading half the world.

It will be interesting to compare Japan's blockade with Great Britain's, and see how far they resemble one another and wherein they differ, both as regards their incidence and their results.

The Japanese blockade stretches from Shanghai, where the Great Wall enters the sea, to Haiphong, a distance of 2,000 miles measured along the steamship route down the China coast. The British blockade reaches from the North Cape inside the Arctic Circle round the Atlantic coast of Europe and through the Mediterranean to Haifa, a distance of 5,000 miles. Thus both navies have a formidable length of coastline to watch.

### Asia To Europe

Beyond that stark fact, there is no possible comparison; the task of the mightier British navy is incomparably more difficult.

It is not merely that the European coast is far more complicated and hazardous than the China coast, it is not that Dictator Europe has a navy of sorts, whereas China has none, and cannot build one because she has not a single seaport; but Japan has large armies operating on the China coast and mainland. There is no point where a ship could discharge cargo with the hope of reaching the Chinese armies in the interior.

There are a dozen overland routes from Asia into Europe over which Great Britain has no control—through Murmansk, or via the Trans-Siberian railway, or the Turk-Sib railway and the Caspian Sea, and others. But as soon as Japan had, by diplomatic pressure, stopped the passage of arms to China by the French railway from Haiphong, and similarly closed the Burma Road, she had almost completely cut off China's land communications with the outside world.

Although there are several overland routes into China from the south and west—one runs eastwards from Mandalay to Kengtung for example—on the Chinese side of the frontier they are too primitive to be of use because communications inside China have only of late years been developed beyond the horse-and-cart stage. One possible motor road remains open, that through Russian Central Asia into north-west China.

### China's Resources

While Britain does not control the overland routes into Europe

from the East, she has a splendid ally in the great deserts and mountain ranges which stretch across the continent, cutting off the tropical lands and preventing tropical produce from reaching Central Asia.

Moreover, British sea power makes itself felt as far east as Singapore, so that in effect there is a closed island to Europe, and that is the case of them all. The British Empire is a vast landlocked island, the only side by which the world is open to the tropics can be reached.

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### Problem Of Oil

Oil is a fully necessary to both the belligerent countries. Europe, of course, imports the bulk of its oil from abroad. Germany is now reduced to a state in which she can get no oil from abroad and must use her own reserves.

China has no oil of her own, and she does not produce it. She imports it from Russia. But China has one advantage denied to Germany, oil is found in China itself. Although the amount at present available represents only a fraction of what is needed.

Just as Germany can get oil from Rumania, so can China get oil from Burma. Doubtless a profitable oil smuggling organisation will spring up; once over the frontier, oil can be carried by mule to the motor park.

If we compare the areas under blockade, and find that Europe, excluding Russia, has an area of, in round numbers, 1,610,000 square miles, about half of which (803,459 square miles) is enemy territory. However, for blockade purposes, all Europe is under control.

China proper, comprising the 18 provinces, has an area of just under 4,300,000 square miles, of which about a quarter is uneasily occupied by Japan. While the blockade of this huge territory is as thorough as the blockade of Europe, its effects are less felt in proportion, as China is less delicately organised.

China, it is true, cannot build a ship or launch a ship. She is even more tied to the continent than is Nazi Germany, with infinitely inferior overland communications, internal and external. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that the land frontier open in her rear is three times as long as the European land frontier open to Germany.

### Closed Burma Road

The immediate situation for China is critical. The closing of the Burma Road marks the last move in the total blockade by Japan. Though it is now the close season for dirt roads within the monsoon belt, there is a real danger that it has been closed for the duration. The moral effect is bound to react unfavourably on up-keep, so that by the end of the rains, in November, a deterioration will have set in.

Neither China nor Japan shows the least inclination to make peace; and it will be an awkward moment when Britain is asked to re-open the road. On the other hand,

if the situation in Europe has improved that will ease the tension in the Far East.

There has always been a possibility of China looking elsewhere even to Russia for that help which Britain is at the moment unable to give her.

The only other possibility was the United States, who has been supplying Japan with nearly three-quarters of her war materials on a cash-and-carry basis. From the moment that Britain closed the Panama Road a new situation was created, with Germany a claimant for the place of the United States.

Consider the position. A steel ring of ships is blockading the continent from Narvik to Vladivostok. In the face of this pressure, an internal resistance has been set up. Asia is hollow, and nature abhors a vacuum.

Already China is looking westwards beyond the Urals. Somewhere towards Central Asia they are reaching out to one another, from stern motives of self-preservation, however little they approve of one another morally.

### Precious As Exports

For success of the British blockade turns chiefly on the stoppage of oil of certain ores and of all tropical raw materials reaching Europe. Much of this last is given in unprocessed form, where a great variety of economic products such as latex, beans, gum, rubber, tung oil and many others, such as cotton, silk, and rubber, have long been cultivated, to the point of the world's supply comes from China and India. Germany, she produces tin, wolfram, and other ores. No amount of blockade can deny her these.

Industrial China, including the coal and iron districts of the north, and the great factory centres of Shanghai, Canton and Hankow, is an enemy land.

This makes practically the entire network of railways and the northern rice plain between the Yangtze and Yellow rivers. Still more significant is the fact that Indonesia could supply these raw materials of which Germany is most in need, especially rice, coconut, cotton, rubber, tung, tin, and wolfram. These also might reach Germany overland via China and Russia.

A working alliance between Germany and China as a result of the Continental blockade is logical but difficult to achieve, physically because of the great distances to be covered, in regions scantily populated; politically because Russia is the linchpin of any mutual assistance pact.

Russian and Chinese interests conflict in Central Asia, Russian and German interests in south-east Europe. In any event the strategic threat of the trans-Continental routes will take time, perhaps a generation, and the need is pressing. That is why Hitler has been urging his claims in tropical Africa, which is much nearer and might be expected to supply him until Asia is ready.

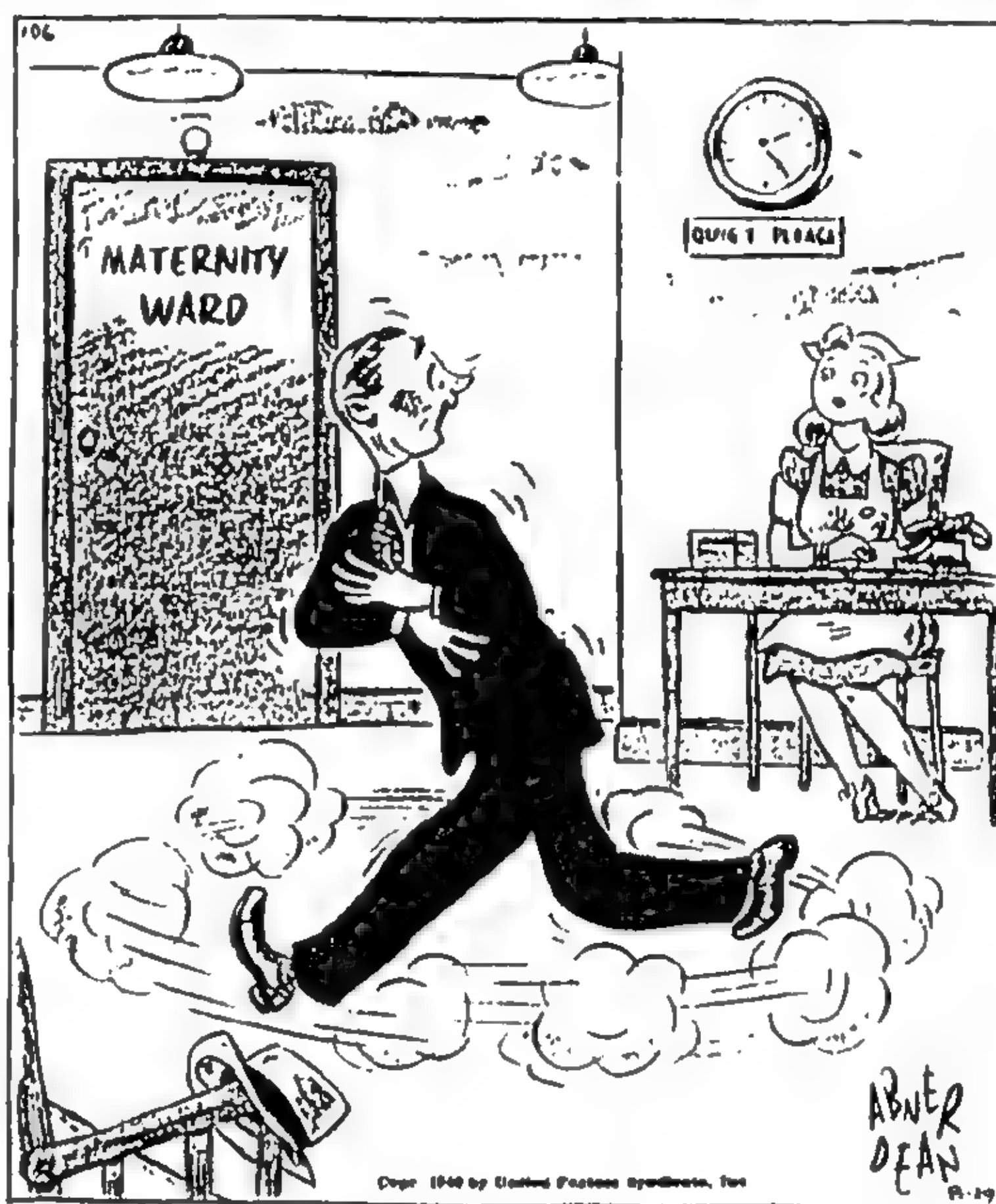
### China And The Axis

The final outcome of the blockade must be to bring China down by trans-Continental communications by land and air, and to drive agriculturally rich China into the arms of industrially organised Europe, with Russia as liaison.

This is what is happening in Asia now. China is being drawn in by a magnet towards the Axis. Nor would this paradoxical result make for improved relations between London and Tokyo. Taking the short view, Great Britain, with her hands full in the west, had to close the Burma Road, and suffer certain obvious consequences. Taking the long view, it was a profound mistake, for little worth; nor is it too late to make amends to a valiant country fighting for freedom.

## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"I'm NOT nervous, I tell you... I'm just practicing walking baby to sleep!"

## Dover is Mastering the Enemy's Tricks

By L. D. HUNTER

TO those of us who knew the Straits of Dover during last period of disagreement with Germany the first months of this war presented a strange contrast.

From the early days of the 1914-18 campaign we had been confronted with a German penetration to the coast, with Newport-Bains, some 20 miles, N.E. of the sorely-tried town of Dunkirk as the high-water mark of the enemy's advance. Dover sea forces were thus early recoiled to the permanent presence of the enemy within a few miles of their gates, and took action accordingly.

Almost daily contact with shore batteries and surface ships was the order of those days, in addition to the operations necessary for the blocking of the Straits against enemy submarines. Although the air menace in all its modern aspects confronted Dover from the beginning of the present war, this last duty—prevention of submarine activity—was the principal pre-occupation of the Command there during the winter of 1939 and the spring of 1940.

News of surface craft likely to menace the Dover area only began to come through during the weeks preceding the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

Indeed, if reports are to be believed, even to-day the surface forces of the enemy are for the most part conspicuous by their absence even since the Continental shores of the Channel were laid open to them, and would seem to have been principally used for the hit-and-run operations of motor torpedo-boats.

Not that such activities are in any way to be despised, nor are they easy to counteract. But we have heard of none of the spectacular destroyer combats with which Dover was so much associated in the last war. An occasional submarine hunt, ending in a kill, was the only event of moment during the first seven or eight months of the war, if we except the epic of the evacuations.

Since May, however, there have been factors which have changed all that. Not only is the enemy once more upon the door-step, but almost as he entered the hall, at least he has created the impression of a desire to mount the stairs.

Under the constant menace of the air from bases brought unpleasantly close, and even—of late—of long-range bombardment from the German-occupied coasts across the street, in support of unwelcome callers, Dover has had to readjust its outlook on life in general in a manner which seems almost unbelievable to veterans of the last war.

Barbed wire entanglements, interspersed with pill-boxes and other precautions for the disillusionment of the enemy lie athwart our usual promenade, and the daily life of naval and military organisations has had to adapt itself to the stern requirements of the sirens' frequent wailing.

The problem is being met, of course, by provision of offices underground, where it is possible for the machinery to function regardless of whistle-blowing, sirens and gunfire. Underground, therefore, has coyly retired the army of "black-coated workers" necessary to the servicing of a modern garrison and naval base—and even some of the brilliant ranks retire thither likewise in the intervals of their above-ground activities.

Opposition hid to be encountered from some die-hards, and also from the high officers of the women's services, jealous for the well-being of their charges thus condemned to something like troglodyte existences, though it is acknowledged that means must be found for essential work to be continued.



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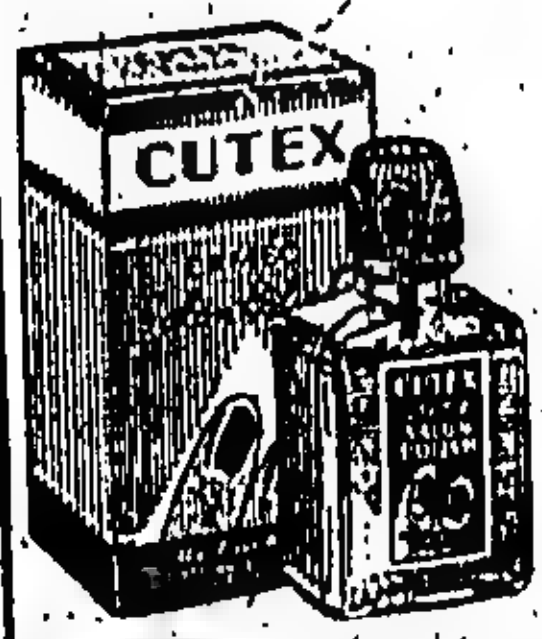
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**The Free Press**

In a survey of the modern Press, Mr. Wickham Steed, a former editor of The Times, London, describes Journalism as something more than a craft and different from an industry. In his view it is a vocation, which is at once an art and an industry. It is a trusteeship, not unlike that which is held by physicians; with this difference, however, that while a dishonest doctor can harm at worst only a few dozen or a few score patients, a dishonest journalist may poison the minds of hundreds of thousands of his fellow-men. The moral responsibility of the Press is thus akin to that of ministers of religion, statesmen, and the leaders of public thought.

There are important considerations in view of the fact that what appears in the news and editorial columns of the daily press constitutes so much, perhaps the greater part, of the reading of the people at large. One of the practical problems of the Press is to decide upon the length of editorial articles preferred by the average reader. Mr. Steed is quite sure that newspaper readers do not now possess the powers of sustained attention that they possessed before the Great War. Newspaper articles are now, as a general thing, shorter than they used to be, and this, it is said, is at least partly due to the fact that when people have undergone a long period of strain they are apt to be impatient with any statement that they cannot take in almost at a glance.

Nevertheless, it is tolerably clear that the continual use of short disjointed sentences in an ill-constructed paragraph containing mere slogans and brief ex cathedra utterances, while it may suit people in regimented countries who feel themselves incapable of thinking things out for themselves, does not satisfy thoughtful men in free countries. There are no shortcuts to the formation of sound opinions. Of course, short and pithy articles have their place, but there is something to be said for the easier and more leisurely style. In point of fact, a severely condensed article may make greater demands on the attention than a longer one. Anyone who wishes to do so may make an interesting experiment. Let him take an essay of Bacon containing say 350 words, read it once, and then try to give the substance of it in his own words.

Mr. Steed has something to say upon the subject of broadcasting, and what he says is the more interesting in that he is a broadcaster as well as a journalist. He says that it is a reflection of the wider appeal than the Press, because the newspaper public is a reflective public, whereas a broadcaster may speak to literate and illiterate alike. Tennyson said, however, that things seen are mightier than things heard, and most people are more impressed by the printed word, which remains, than by the spoken word, which flies. They like to see the news in actual print. They want to take it in more fully and think it over. Perhaps that is one reason why we are so regularly reminded that "further details will be found in your local newspaper."

**my son, my son!**

I CAN see now in all its details, as clearly as though I had left it but yesterday, the dingy little furnished room in the drab Manchester slum street which Dermot O'Riordan and I had shared for so many of our youthful years.

I can see the two iron beds in the corner, the two cheap chairs and the broken-down bureau before whose distorted mirror Dermot was shaving in preparation for the most momentous event in his life.

"Bad cess to it!" cried Dermot. "I would cut meself to-day of all days! Hand me a piece of paper, Will."

Without rising from my trunk-packing, I reached over to the table, pulling off the top sheet from a stack of hand-written pages, and passed it to him.

"I can't use this, man!" said Dermot. "It's the story you're writing." His puckish, snubbed nose poked forward inquiringly at me as always when he was excited.

"Use it," I said curtly, "That's all it's good for."

"Ah, there ye go now. Letting old man discouragement ride on your shoulders! You've got talent and imagination and heart! Why, man, the whole world is open for you to write about! I've no patience with a man who has no faith in himself, Will Essex."

"It's easy for you to talk, Dermot," I replied. "You want to be the finest cabinet-maker in England. Meanwhile you work in wood. You can see what you're accomplishing—and you get paid for what you do. I want to be a writer—but no one will pay me to write. I have to take any old job I can find that gives me a bare living and a chance to write on the side. Anyway, there you are—all packed and ready to go off and claim your bride!"

Dermot glanced up at the wall. "All packed! It's a fine packer you are, leavin' my picture of Erin Boru himself hanging on the wall!" He stepped over and stood in front of the old Irish king's picture, addressing it. "It's humiliated enough I am that you've had to repose in this mildewed boardin' house . . . and you the greatest of the Irish Kings! Will, if I ever have a life I'll give him back to Ireland—to live the life I missed!"

"If I ever have a son," I countered, "I'll get him out of a slum like this—out of a life like this."

When Dermot was at last shaved and dressed in his meagre best, and the drayman had removed his few effects for the trip to Liverpool where his Sheila lived, we shook hands warmly.

"I'll be seeing you as soon as I bring Sheila back," said Dermot. "Mind you, find yourself a good place to live."

"I'll have to be a cheap one until I get a job. But I'll be all right."

"Sure and you'll be all right. Both of us will be all right. He struck an attitude. "Remember the lad with the banner. Excelsior!"

"Onward and upward!" I responded.

"Me and my hands—you with your head! Goodbye, Will."

"Goodbye, Dermot."

I find myself wandering through Shelley Street, a meaner street even than the one in which Dermot and I lived. The janitress at Number 28 eyed me with open hostility.

"You'll find no cheaper lodgings around 'ere, Mister, but you can look elsewhere for all I care."

"A family I knew used to live here a dozen years ago. Name of Essex."

"Never 'eard of 'em."

A strange sadness came over me. "My mother moved to this house the day she was married," I muttered. "She had nine children in it. She buried five from it. She died in it herself. And you never heard of her!"

I moved slowly along to the corner. There was Moscrop's bakery, with its fly-blown window full of breads and cakes. Nothing was changed here; but inside through the open door I could see Mr. Moscrop, now grown old and very fat, and a rather very prim-looking young girl who must be his daughter Nellie.

With them was a husky, rough-looking youth talking volubly, evidently engaged in some sort of altercation with old man Moscrop. I could hear his tirade, interspersed with crude billingsgate.

"What if I am short in my collections! How much do yer pay me for drivin' yer blasted van, anyway? I don't like yer bloomin' job, an' I'm chucked! It's this very minute!"

Old Moscrop, his asthma plainly grown worse with the years and now aggravated by excitement, sat in his chair puffing and wheezing, unable to speak. Nellie had clapped her hands over her ears to shut out the driver's vile language. The youth seized her arms roughly.

"Dainty, ain't yer? Dainty and religious! Yer don't like my language, do yer?" He flung down her arms and turned to the door as I stepped into the shop.

Face to face now, we recognised each other. It was Tim Higgins, the neighbourhood bully when I had



to Nellie, who had refused to accompany me to the O'Riordans because it was Chapel night.

Sitting up in bed in her high-necked, long-sleeved nightgown and two braids of hair lying along her back, she must have been stirred by my excited awe at the thought of Dermot's having a son. She smiled a little shyly, looking down at the bedclothes.

"I didn't mean to tell you so soon, Will, but you needn't envy Dermot. Not for long."

Overcome with joy, I determined then and there that my son (and I never doubted it would be a son) should be born away from the slum in which his parents had been reared.

I would sell the bakery, move to the seaside, make my living by writing books and more books—I would work my fingers to the bone so that my son might be reared in decent, clean, respectable surroundings and have every advantage that poverty had denied me in my childhood.

After the bitter exhaustion of my early youthful struggles to write an acceptable novel, the composition of more books came comparatively easy to me.

My maiden book sold few copies but won me a respectful reception at the hands of the critics. My second did only a little better for me pecuniarily, but established me more solidly in literary circles as a young author who stood on the threshold of fulfilling marked promise.

And when my third book was published, it soon became evident that I had at last hit the mark—that this effort was being taken to the bosom both of the critics and of the reading public.

We sold "The Beaches," the little tree-bordered suburban house where Oliver was born, and in partnership with Dermot and Sheila we purchased.

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chased "Heronwater," a good-sized estate perched high on a rocky cliff overlooking a sandy cove in Cornwall. Oliver was now eight, just a few months younger than Dermot's boy, Rory, and a year older than the little girl, Maeve, whom Sheila had born to her husband.

Nellie and I had frequent little encounters over the rearing of our son. Her leaning was all toward the firm but just hand, the prim correctness, tinged with devoutness, that had been the keynote of her upbringing.

My ceaseless delight in the child was the mere fact that I had a son for whom I planned every happiness I myself had missed in my childhood and youth—these were things beyond her ken or without the orbit of her sympathies. And she noted (though she said little about it) the thousand little ways in which I spoiled the lad.

One evening, while I was putting Oliver to bed, Rory burst into the room, towing his father by the hand. Over Dermot's laughing protests, the boy insisted upon recovering from Oliver a book he had lent him—"The Irish Kings."

"Oh, Rory," protested Oliver, "you're always losing things. You know I haven't got your book."

But Rory insisted with a simple earnestness that could not be denied. Finally I suggested that we look around for it. I ran my eye quickly over the books on Oliver's shelves, until I espied one that looked unfamiliar. It bore a paper cover on which a childish hand had lettered the title, "Adventures."

Opening the book out of curiosity, I discovered that it was Rory's "Irish Kings." Surprised and disturbed at Oliver's subtlety, I nevertheless said nothing immediately, but returned the book to the shelf and permitted the search to end in failure.

As soon as the child was born I hastened home to tell the good news up and left the room, I hurriedly

slipped off the paper cover, stowed the book under a seat cushion, called them back, and pretended to find it there on a last sudden chance.

As they withdrew again, the boy clutching his book happily, Nellie came into the room. I confronted Oliver sternly.

"Oliver, why did you steal Rory's book?"

"Steal it? But I didn't steal it!" "It was in the bookcase. You must have put it there. And you said that Rory had taken it away with him. Wasn't that a lie?"

"Yes, it was a lie. And I know I shouldn't have told it. But I didn't steal the book."

"If that isn't stealing," I said, becoming almost angry at him for the first time in my life, "what do you call it?"

Oliver explained patiently, with disarming candor. "Don't you see? I took it because it was Rory's. I love Rory, and I wanted to have something belonging to him—something that he loved. You believe me, don't you, father?"

With a vast sign of relief I put my arm about him. "Yes, I believe you, Oliver."

During all this Nellie listened silently. But when Oliver went off to the bathroom to wash his face, she turned to me grimly.

"What are you going to do about this?"

"Why, there's nothing to do. It's all settled."

"Whether I'm anything to you or not. I'm the child's mother. Do you think it doesn't matter to me that he's growing up to be a cheat and a liar?"

"Oh, it's not that bad," I said. "Oliver got his sense of right and wrong a bit muddled. Natural for a child—but these things are easily straightened out with understanding and love."

"I'm not blinded by what you call 'love,'" she interrupted. "Bringing up a child to think he can do what he likes! I think Oliver should be thrashed for what he has done."

"I don't!" I replied quietly. "And if you have no other suggestion, I may as well go. I left the room and started down the hall to my own room, realising only now how much the incident had shaken me."

As I stood staring out of a window, a series of sharp, agonised cries came from Oliver's room. "No! No! Don't! Don't!"

I dashed back into the room and seized from Nellie's hand the cane with which she was punishing the child. As I wrenched it from her grasp the boy suddenly turned upon me and drove his little fist into my face with all his strength, crying "Don't hit my mother!"

Although the blow was a puny one, I staggered back as though I had been dealt a mortal injury. Astonishment, grief, anger crowded on another in my confused thoughts. That he should take Nellie's side against me—against his father who had been both mother and father and good fairy to him—was something I could not grasp. Oliver and I stood facing each other for a moment, then I turned and walked blindly out of the room.

Nellie joined me a little while later.

"I'm sorry for—for what happened," she said, her voice shaking a little; "but I had to do and say what I believe to be right."

"I know—I know. The best thing for all of us now is to try and forget it." "No. We've got to have an understanding about Oliver. You've always made his upbringing your business. It's always your son—your son!"

"Nellie," I said slowly, "why did you ever marry me?" "I continued as she looked at me, bewildered. Finally I suggested that we miles apart on everything—on where we are to live, on how to bring up our child—everything! I don't mind for myself—but I mind for Oliver."

"Oh, Oliver," she cried almost fiercely. "That's the root of it! Everything for Oliver! Everything!" "Why not?" I said slowly. "What else has your marriage brought me?" "For a moment we stood looking at each other, the veil between us rent. Then Nellie turned and hurried from the room."

(To be continued)











# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## R.A.F. ATTACK ON NAZI M.T.B.s

Spectacular Dive-Bombing

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Five German E-boats—fast motor torpedo boats—cruising off Cap Gris Nez were bombed by six British bombers this afternoon.

The boats were strung out in line several miles from the French coast and were clearly visible from the Kent coast.

A German seaplane circled above the Dive-Bombing.

Suddenly half a dozen R.A.F. bombers swooped from high clouds and started dive-bombing.

Columns of water a hundred feet high leapt into the air along the line of motor boats, hitting the latter from view.

Protecting Spitfires sped across the sky as the bombers re-climbed to another attack.

No direct hits were observed and all the boats turned and dashed for the shore.

## Chungking Urges British To Open The Burma Road

Special to the "Telegraph"

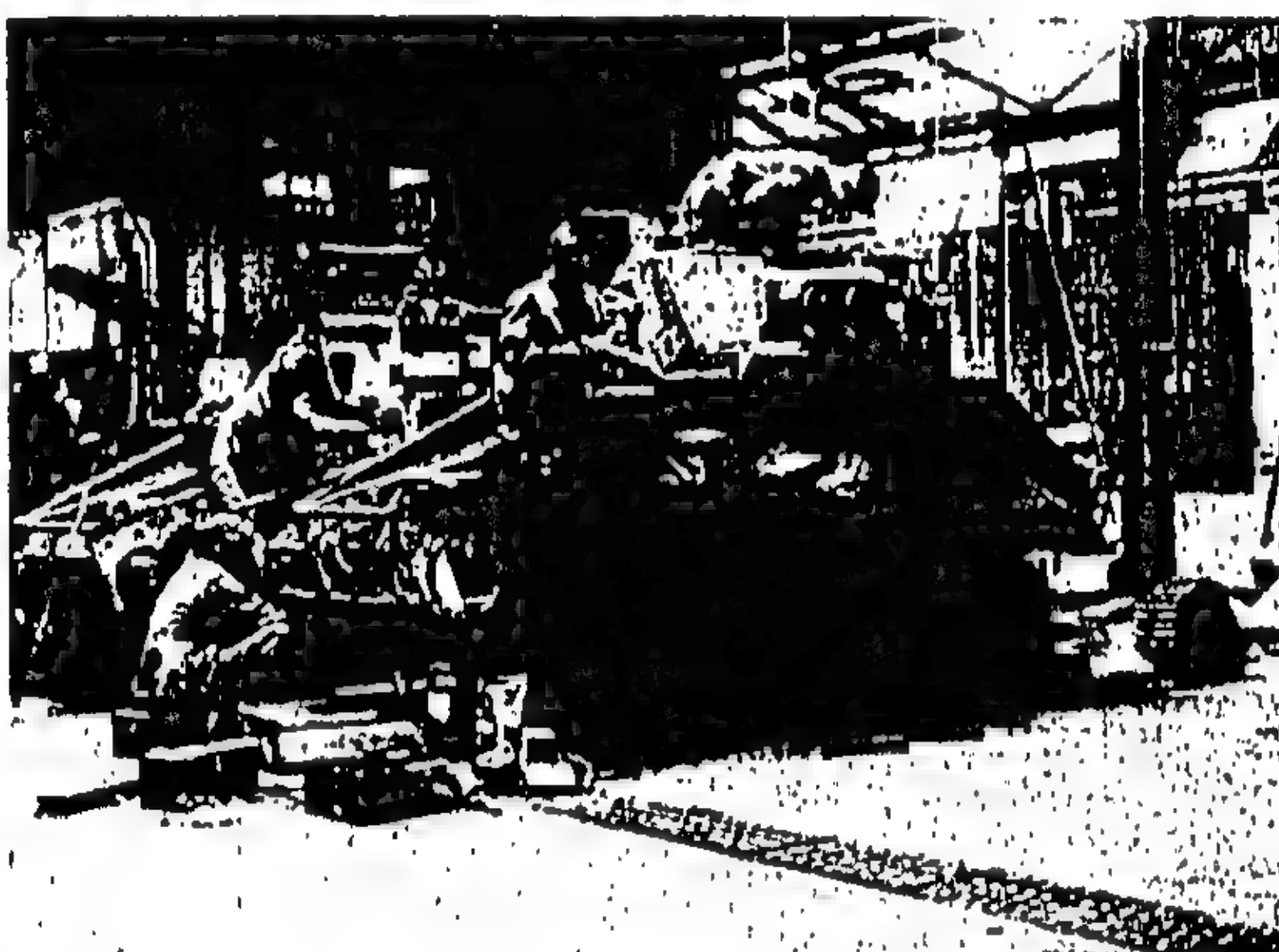
(CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Britain is being urged by Chungking to open the Burma Road.

The official "Central Daily News" to-day declared that opening of the Burma Road by Britain was essential if the Japanese were to be prevented from invading Burma through Indo-China.

"The invasion of French Indo-China, under the pretext of a passage for Japanese troops to march on China, is really a move to attack Far Eastern possessions of the British Empire such as Hongkong, Singapore and Burma," declared the editorial.

The best and most effective self-protection for Britain is to open the Burma Road.

### Britain's Tank Army Is Growing Fast



The Northern Command R.A.O.C. Motor Transport Workshops are averaging eighteen hours a day, overhauling and repairing motor transport of all descriptions. They are here photographed at work re-erecting a light tank.

**Chinese Protest Rejected**  
A Vichy message from "Dorel" says that M. Baudouin the French Foreign Minister has rejected the Chinese protest against the Decoux-Nishihara agreement for the landing of Japanese troops, and has notified Chungking that France cannot permit penetration of Chinese troops into Tongking.

"United Press" from Chungking says that political circles in the Chinese capital read M. Baudouin's comment on the Hanoi pact with dismay and contempt. They declare that M. Baudouin is deceiving himself when he says that the military concessions to Japan are temporary, exceptional in nature and in force only for the duration of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

**"Will Resist Japanese"**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt, Mr. Gustav Henry Hays and the French troops have been determined to resist the Japanese troops regardless of the odds.

**American Interest**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The United States is closely watching the situation between China and Peking. Mr. C. G. Dole, U.S. Secretary of State, declared to-day the question of the United States lending airplanes to be sent to China may be investigated, he added.

### CHANNEL OPERATIONS Brest Bombed

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Further British bombing operations on the French and Belgian coast is announced by the Air Ministry news service.

At the naval station of Brest this morning long lines of bombs were dropped on the torpedo boat station, oil tanks and stores.

Heavy explosions were followed by four fires.

A pillar of dense black smoke enveloped the harbour and flames were visible more than 30 miles from the French coast.

Other attacks of the Coastal Command laid sticks of bombs across the canal mouth at Zeebrugge. Unusually large flashes followed the explosions of their salvos.

### AXIS PARLEYS

#### Collaboration Boast

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—A hint of the part Africa may have played in the recent Ribbentrop-Mussolini talks was given to-day by the Italian Colonial Minister, who has been engaged in discussions in Germany.

Future collaboration between Germany and Italy is completely settled, he said.

Ribbentrop has now reported to Hitler about his talks. No statement has yet been issued as to what was achieved but it is believed that the Germans demanded a hand in Syria by addition of German advisers in the Italian Armistice Commission.

### British Submarine Feared Lost

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. submarine Thames (Lieut. Commr. W. D. Dunkerly, R.N.) is overdue and must be considered as lost.

The next of kin have been informed.

### OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

## R.A.F. Raids Italian Bases In Abyssinia

Raids by the Royal Air Force on the Italian bases in Eritrea, Libya and Abyssinia are described in official communiques.

### LONDON: German Formations Broken Up

Two German formations, consisting of bombers escorted by a number of fighters, made attacks across the coast and in the area of the Thames Estuary this morning.

Neither force penetrated to London.

Some bombs were dropped in Thames-side towns. Damage was caused to houses and buildings but the number of casualties was small.

Early this afternoon, an enemy air attack was made in the Southampton area. Some buildings were damaged and a number of casualties were caused.

During the afternoon, enemy air activity was not on a large scale but in attacks by single aircraft bombs were dropped in a number of districts, including Brighton.

Damage was caused to houses, business premises and a number of casualties were reported.

Eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day. Four of our fighters have been lost but the pilot of one is safe.

It is now established that two enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft guns during the night of Monday-Tuesday.

### R.A.F.: More Raids On Italian Bases

Our bombers attacked aircraft on the Menastir landing ground on Sunday. All bombs fell on the target area.

Yesterday a second attack was delivered. Three explosions, among the aircraft were followed by a fire.

Two raids were made on Tobruk harbour yesterday. In the first, bombs burst among the buildings and near the jetty. In the second attack, bombs fell on buildings and very near ships beside the jetty.

Zula in Eritrea was attacked on September 21. Fires were started in the centre of the camp and were visible 20 miles away.

Yesterday a successful attack was made on the aerodrome at Man Adaga. Two fighters were definitely destroyed.

The South African Air Force raided Selassiemanna, in central Abyssinia, on September 22.

**CAIRO: Our Artillery Silences Enemy**  
No change has occurred in the situation in the western desert, according to a G.H.Q. communique.

### CHANNEL: Attacks On Nazi Minesweepers

A formation of British bombers escorted by fighters attacked enemy mine-sweepers in the English Channel this afternoon.

Hits were obtained on two vessels and another was damaged by bombs which burst close to it.

During this operation, an attack was made by enemy fighters in which one of four bombers was shot down and one enemy destroyed.

### Story Of "Reuters" Is Filmed

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HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The first public exhibition of the film, "A Dispatch from Reuters" in which Edward G. Robinson plays the part of Baron Julius de Reuter has been followed by its exhibition to a specially invited group of American editors, newspaper proprietors and leader-writers.

The film deals with the foundation and early years of the Reuters news agency, culminating with the occasion when Reuters news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865 reached England, far in advance of the official reports.

### More Aussies To Serve Overseas

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Another division of the Australian Expeditionary Force will be formed, Mr. R. G. Menzies, the premier, announced to-day.

The nucleus of this division, the 8th division, will be certain units already overseas. The rest will leave soon.

Major-General Henry Gordon Bennett has been made Commanding Officer of the 8th division, which is still in Australia.



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## V.C. COMMISSIONAIRE ADMITS HE IS THE MAN WHO NEARLY KILLED ADOLF HITLER

MEET the Man Who Nearly Killed Hitler—Sergeant Tandy, V.C., now a Commissionaire at a Coventry motor works.

When Mr. Chamberlain visited Hitler in his nest at Berchtesgaden, the Fuehrer showed him a painting by Fortunino Matania of a 1918 battle scene at Menin cross-roads.

Central figure of the painting was Sergeant Tandy.

### H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$	1,305 b
H.K. Banks £	87 n
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	72 n
Chartered £	6-9/16 n
Mercantile, A & B £	27 1/2 n
Mercantile, C £	11 n
East Asia \$	72 n
INSURANCES	
Canton \$	200 n
Union \$	405 n
China Underwriters	1 n
H.K. Fire \$	150 n
SHIPPING	
Douglases \$	120 n
Steamships \$	11 n
Indo-China P. \$	100 n
Indo-China D. \$	80 n
Shell (Steamers) \$	35-7/8 n
Whitehouse \$ & d	600 n
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	82 n
Docks (old) \$	16-80 n
Docks (new) \$	10 1/4 n
Providents \$	4-50 b & 1/2 n
Shanghai Dockyards \$	39 n
MINING	
Kailan \$	10-1/2 n
Ranby \$	9 1/4 n
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts n
LANDS	
Hotels \$	3-00 n
Lands \$	31-40 n
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n
Shui Lands Sh \$	12-70 n
Humphreys \$	7-10 n
H.K. Realties \$	3-00 n
Chinese Realties \$	10 1/2 n
UTILITIES	
Trans \$	16 n
Pink Trans (old) \$	7-40 n
Pink Trans (new) \$	3-70 n
Star Ferry \$	80 n
Y. Ferry \$	22 1/2 n
China Light (old) \$	7-00 n
China Light (new) \$	3-10 n
H.K. Electric (old) \$	30 1/2 n
H.K. Electric (new) \$	12 n
Macao Electric (old) \$	10 n
Macao Electric (new) \$	10 n
Sandakan Light \$	24 1/2 n
Telephones (old) \$	10 n
Telephones (new) \$	10 n
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold Mng. (old) Sh \$	14-00 n
Cold Mng. (new) Sh \$	12 n
Canton Ind. \$	1 n
Cement \$	10 1/2 n
H.K. Ropes \$	5 1/2 n
STORES, &c.	
Deas Farm \$	10 1/2 n
Watson \$	8-85 n
Lane & Co. \$	7-45 n
Sinco \$	2-15 n
W. & O. (H.K.) \$	30 n
Doyle Ind. \$	1 n
COTTON MILLS	
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MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 1% (1934)	95 n
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	95 n
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.S. 1934	35 n
H.K. Entertainments \$	1-00 n
Constructions (old) \$	6-00 n
Constructions (new) \$	1 n
China Piling \$	11 n
Maximus Ind. (H.K.) \$	6-00 n
Maximus Ind. (H.K.) \$	3-1/2 n

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### Lord Catto For Bank Of England?

WHO will succeed Mr. Montagu Norman as Governor of the Bank of England?

Mr. Atlee's recent promise of banking control has drawn attention to the problem, which is now under discussion in responsible quarters.

Mr. Norman's resignation, though it is not to be expected immediately, cannot be long delayed.

He is in his 70th year, and has been Governor for more than 20 years.

Lord Catto, recently appointed to the new job of Financial Adviser to the Treasury, is regarded in the City and elsewhere as the leading candidate.

His appointment in that post (formerly occupied in effect by Mr. Norman) is not unreasonably taken to be the first step in "grooming" him as Mr. Norman's successor.

He is a partner in the firm of Morgan Grenfell, one of the most powerful and exclusive of the private banking houses. One of his colleagues there is Mr. Frederick Morgan of New York.

Lord Catto is highly acceptable to City and Tory Party opinion.

Outside those circles he does not have much support.

"Too Narrow"

His socialisation and experience are felt to be far too narrow for a job which carries with it great financial and political power.

Ever since 1921 it has been very generally assumed that when Mr. Norman resigned somebody of much wider qualifications and outlook than a professional banker would be given the job.

In particular it was taken for granted that the last old practice of appointing a private banker, with international financial connections, would be abandoned.

In time of war, when vast financial problems have to be solved, this argument is of even more than usual force.

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### COSTS MORE TO LIVE YOU NEED 24 2 TO BUY 21 WORTH OF GOODS

With a jump of 8.8 points from 181 to 189 in the cost-of-living index, potatoes, milk, eggs and fish were all dearer, it now takes 24 2 to buy goods which cost £1 or September 1 last year.

The jump, announced the Ministry of Labour, was bigger than in any month since October, when the disturbances of the start of the war on prices was reflected.

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## NAZI-JAPAN DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE IN THE FAR EAST IS REPORTED To Become Effective in Event Of Anglo-U.S. Collaboration

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, SEPT. 25 (UP).—AUTHORITATIVE REPORTS FROM TOKYO STATE THAT GERMANY AND JAPAN HAVE AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, TO A DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IN THE EVENT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN COLLABORATION IN THE FAR EAST, NOTABLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SINGAPORE BASE.

In the event of British and America taking any collaborative action regarding Singapore, Japan will abandon her policy of non-involvement in the European war.

It is further reported that Hitler's personal representative, Herr Stahmer, negotiated the provisional German-Japanese defence pact which envisages worldwide diversion of American attention, especially in South America and the Far East.

### JOINT ANGLO-U.S. ACTION PROBABLE

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—There are increasing indications that the United States and Great Britain are considering parallel moves to "stop Japan's drive into southeastern Asia."

Unofficial but reliable sources declare that neither nation could allow a Japanese invasion of Indo-China without taking some action themselves, and neither could the consequent threat to the Straits Settlements and the Dutch East Indies be permitted to pass unnoticed.

It is reported that the Administration at Washington considers the Indo-China situation to be the most serious threat to the status quo in Asia since the Japanese attacked Shanghai.

### 3-HOUR RAID ON GIBRALTAR

Navy Steams Out To Action

Special to the "Telegraph"

LA LINEA, Sept. 24 (Dome).—French planes bombed Gibraltar for three hours to-day, sending up clouds of black smoke and shaking the fortress with a series of explosions.

The attacks ceased abruptly shortly after half past three in the afternoon.

Half an hour later British naval units were seen steaming out of Gibraltar, apparently heading for the Atlantic.

Later in the afternoon reports from Tangier said that heavy cannonading was audible from an undetermined place.

Reports have it that British forces are preparing to strike at French Moroccan ports in answer to the Gibraltar bombardments.

### PRESIDENT SHIP AGROUND

Well-Known In H.K.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The President Van Buren, round-the-world American President Line ship, and well known in Hongkong where she regularly calls, yesterday ran aground in 4½ fathoms of water on a bank of Tobago, according to a "United Press" report from the Port of Spain.

It is added that the liner was refloated shortly afterwards.

The ship will continue to Port of Spain.

No information is given concerning the damage.

### MINE-SWEEPERS BOMBED BY R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 25 (UP).—It is officially announced that during yesterday afternoon formations of British bombers escorted by fighters, attacked enemy mine-sweepers in the English Channel.

Five were scored on one or two vessels.

During the operation one of the British bombs was brought down and an enemy plane destroyed.

### French Repudiate Indo-China Pact

New Development

HAIPHONG, Sept. 25. (Reuter).—French official circles declare that since the Japanese are continuing to infringe the terms of the Hanoi agreement by trying to enter Indo-China forcibly, the French regard the agreement as cancelled.

Vichy Protest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
VICHY, Sept. 25 (UP).—The French Government has protested to the Japanese against the first violation of the Franco-Japanese pact concerning Indo-China.

The official protest blames the Japanese for the border fighting alleging that the Japanese forces entered Tongking from Kwangsi and not through Haiphong in accordance with the pact.

Chinese May Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—A hint that Chinese forces will eventually cross into Indo-China was given by the announcement to-day that at a meeting of the Executive Yuan it was decided that the Chinese Government will follow the measures formerly agreed upon with regard to Indo-China.

These measures are believed to include penetration into Tongking in the event of a Japanese invasion. The military and diplomatic aspects of the Franco-Japanese developments were fully discussed.

Japanese Casualties

TOKYO, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Japanese casualties in the skirmish at Dong Dang, south of Lungchow, yesterday totalled about 100, according to information reaching Tokyo. It states a semi-official Japanese report.

More Fighting

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HANOI, Sept. 24 (UP).—It has been officially announced that

There is as yet, no hint of the Government's possible moves. However, authoritative sources state that any move would not take the form of a protest to Japan, thus hinting that any action would be more drastic.

### British Move Reported

It is also reliably reported that Britain is considering sending heavy naval reinforcements to the Far East squadron based at Singapore.

Confidential information indicates that Britain intends to separate a number of ships, including several battleships, from their forces in the Mediterranean.

It is further reported, though without official confirmation, that the United States might send part of her fleet from Hawaii to reinforce the U.S. Asiatic Squadron, basing the new units at Singapore.

Mr. Hull's Statement

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (Reuter).—More factual information on developments in French Indo-China is being awaited before any particular steps would be taken regarding Japan's activities, stated Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, at a press conference.

He declined to discuss the possibility of American aid to the French forces in Indo-China if they resisted or to say whether an American protest has been or would be made to Tokyo.

Mr. Hull added that he had heard of no official intimation that part of the United States fleet now in Hawaii might be sent to the Atlantic.

Chungking Opinion

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Newspapers here maintain that the Japanese move is aimed more against British and United States interests in the Pacific than against China.

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### Haiphong Landing Scheduled

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (Dome).—The Japanese forces are scheduled to land at Haiphong to-day under the terms of the Franco-Japanese Agreement.

The Headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force says in a communique: "We expect the landing at Haiphong to be effected peacefully."

### Nazi Troops In Finland

Short Cut To Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINKI, Sept. 24 (Sept.).—German troops have landed in Finland.

The first batch of troops landed at Vasa to-night under the Finn-German agreement which was reached following publication of the German demands.

The number of Nazi troops concerned in the operation cannot be ascertained, but it is believed others will follow.

The reason for the German demands is believed to be that the route to Norway is shorter through Finland than through Oslo and Ekstrand.

### GIBRALTAR RAIDED BY FRENCH, SAY REPORTS



A striking picture of Gibraltar which, according to various reports, was yesterday heavily attacked by 30 French planes in retaliation for the British action at Dakar. Gibraltar still remains Britain's greatest strategical possession in the Mediterranean.

Vivid And Exclusive Stories Of Last Night's Severe Raids On London And Southampton: Casualties High

### Destruction In West End Reported To Be Heavy

Special to the "Telegraph"

London and other parts of England were heavily raided yesterday evening, according to "United Press" reports. Bombs were dropped on non-military objectives and it is admitted that considerable damage was caused.

### Gen. De Gaulle's Movement Spreads Rapidly in France

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Sept. 24 (UP).—The Petain Government is anxious about the spreading influence of General de Gaulle's movement.

The Vichy authorities allege that the movement is rapidly developing and has now reached Paris.

As a result a purge of all de Gaulle's has been ordered.

The Cabinet has created a special court martial for "traitors."

It is reported that de Gaulle propaganda is being left with Parisian concierges.

Vichy has announced that all suspects sent before the special court martial will be either released, jailed, or executed within 48 hours.

### Air Force Smash Up Nazi Channel Bases

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Royal Air Force in one week alone carried out 48 separate attacks on docks at German held Channel ports and other enemy invasion bases, states "Reuter's" correspondent.

Terrific damage was done not only to docks but also to quays, canals and locks and violent explosions and huge fires occurred from Cherbourg to Hamburg.

Other impressive fires in this unique record of intense aerial bombardment include 31 attacks on barge concentrations, 48 on shipping, eight on war supplies at docks, seven on searchlight concentrations and six on gun emplacements.

At least five enemy supply ships were sunk, others were set on fire and direct hits were obtained on

However, the raiders were given a hot reception and it is officially reported that eight of the invading planes were destroyed by British fighters, while anti-aircraft guns brought down two others last night. British losses for the day were four, although the pilot of one is safe.

Vivid Description

The following despatches vividly describe the severe raids to which London was subjected during the day and the evening.

Bombs were dropped in north, southeast and southwest London districts in an early raid yesterday evening.

One bomber dropped an orange flare and then a high explosive bomb which landed in central London with a terrific crash.

Another big bomb crashed into an office building in the West End causing a fire which was quickly extinguished, although the building was demolished. Glass was shattered in every building in the area.

Two hospitals were damaged and many casualties were caused.

There were at least four cases of destruction in the West End which the reports indicate, is taking the brunt of the assault.

High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in many quarters of the British capital and its suburbs.

The raiders dropped sticks of carbide bombs on central London illuminating the area for miles around. The raiders are said to have

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The whole of the work entered in the production of every entry must have been done by the competitors who will be required to make a declaration to this effect. Each entry must have pasted on the back a special entry form obtainable on application from The Hongkong Telegraph or from the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Photographic Society. Subjects at the discretion of competitors.

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- The following Rules will govern the Competition.
- The Competition is confined exclusively to amateur photographers.
- No employee or member of any firm in the photographic trade is permitted to compete.
- The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the Competition, and which must be pasted on back of entry.
- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures and must be mounted on a card of the size of 10x12, 10x10, or 10x8.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x10, 10x8.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- At the conclusion of the Competition entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.

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#### ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER.

In connection with the proposed establishment of an Immigration Department in Hong Kong, applications are invited for posts of temporary Assistant Immigration Officer.

The approximate salary of the posts will be \$450 per annum (inclusive), and appointments will be terminable at one month's notice.

Applicants should be British subjects of pure European descent between the ages of 21 and 28 and should have passed the London matriculation examination or a recognised equivalent examination.

Applications should be addressed to Mr. J. H. B. Lee, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

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## FRENCH REPUDIATE PACT

### FROM PAGE ONE

Japanese renewed their attacks on the Kwangsi-Indo-China border with increased intensity this afternoon. Unconfirmed reports state that 200 Japanese prisoners have been taken and the French have admitted a total of 20 casualties up to noon to-day.

The third air raid alarm was sounded in Hanoi this afternoon. Posters have been placed throughout the city, urging everyone without urgent business to evacuate immediately.

#### Outwardly Quiet

HAIPHONG, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—There was some minor exchange of machine-gun fire again yesterday afternoon between the French and Japanese in north Indo-China.

Otherwise the situation outwardly is quiet.

It is believed that General Nishihara is meeting General Ando to-day. Indo-China continues to adopt positions to resist by every means possible any Japanese action outside the scope of the recent agreement.

#### Ambassador's Declaration

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—France is determined to resist by every means possible all attempts of the Japanese forces to exceed the provisions of the Franco-Japanese agreement on Indo-China, declared the French Ambassador, M. Henri Hoyle, in a statement to-night.

He asserted that the Japanese had attacked points in Indo-China in violation of the agreement.

The Ambassador added: "Our will to defend Indo-China in accordance with signed agreements remains unshaken."

## DESTRUCTION IN WEST END

### FROM PAGE ONE

been flying at 30,000 feet in an effort to escape the A.A. barrage and searchlights.

#### Y.M.C.A. Hit

A large bomb hit the Y.M.C.A. recreation and lodging quarters and a well known chain restaurant in the West End where several were killed and injured. Several men were killed while sitting in a reading room of the Y.M.C.A. while others were injured in bedrooms. Those on the ground floor were uninjured.

Two upper stories of the restaurant were wrecked while customers on the ground floor were blown over the tables which were strewn with clattering dishes as the building was thrown into darkness.

#### Southampton Too

Another "United Press" message from Southampton says that two formations of German bombers attacked and considerably damaged non-military objectives in the Southampton district.

Many casualties are reported and fatalities are feared to be heavy. The first attack was made by rough by 30 bombers with a strong escort of fighting planes. They suddenly appeared and dropped heavy calibre bombs in the face of intense anti-aircraft barrage.

One direct hit demolished a church and at least five people were killed. Twenty workmen in a concrete shelter escaped and only five were wounded when a bomb cut the shelter in half.

An hour after the first raid, another wave of bombers came in and dropped several bombs in a working district which had already been severely damaged in previous raids.

#### Wales Raided

Lone German raiders carried out extensive raids on Wales, dumping high explosives on one town where houses were damaged. One person was killed and six injured.

Incendiary bombs were dropped on another town where a few houses were damaged but no casualties reported. Reports state that A. A. batteries drove raiders off from other centres.

## NAZI-JAPAN DEFENSIVE

### FROM PAGE ONE

They urged the two countries to take defensive action.

It is reliably learned that Yunnan troops are actively co-operating with Central Government forces along the border where they will fight side by side if the Japanese attempt to invade Yunnan.

The well-equipped Yunnanese troops will be most useful to the Central Government forces as guides, being familiar with local conditions.

The possibility of the Chinese taking offensive action is ruled out here.

Anticipating the possibility that the Japanese will make their first move from Kwangsi, the Chinese High Command has already concentrated strong forces in south-western Kwangsi.

#### Bases in Far East?

SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—Representative Edith Nourse Rogers to-day told the House of Representatives that she had "a very strong impression" that the United States intends to acquire additional bases from Britain in exchange for war materials.

Later Representative Rogers told the "United Press" that she did not know what future action is contemplated, but she said that diplomatic correspondence between the United States and Britain at the time of the destroyers deal indicated that additional transfers were proposed.

She suggested that any future deals might involve bases in the Far East.

## DEFENCES SOLID

### German Raids On London Fail

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Two attempts by masses of German planes to reach London to-day failed completely.

The capital had two warnings but no raiders got through.

Over 150 aircraft participated in the first raid, flying up the Thames Estuary in tight formation which was broken up by British gunners and fighters.

One German bomber is reported to have crashed into the sea off Whitstable.

#### They Turned Tail

Ten minutes after the second wave of raiders arrived they were racing for home, fighting a rearguard action with a strong force of Hurricanes which pursued them home and which are believed to have shot down one plane.

Routes were indicated in both raids despite the fact that stronger escorts than ever were provided for each bomber.

Many bombs were dropped in Thames Estuary towns, some falling in the working class districts.

#### Fails To Report His Arrival

Portuguese Fined

Edward Marques, of Hankow Road, was fined \$25 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to report his arrival to the Police within 48 hours.

Marques is a Portuguese subject.

Marques said he was told by a Police officer on the ship by which he travelled that he had to report his arrival within two weeks of his arrival.

#### Departure Not Reported

Ida Grigorjevna Mukin, of Babington Path, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to report her departure from the Colony within a week.

Sergeant Headridge said Mukin left Hongkong on May 31 and did not report her departure. This was evaded when she reported her arrival here on September 16.

Mukin said before she left the Colony she obtained a visa from the Passport Office, and was told she had no more formalities to go through. Mukin was cautioned.

## Carried Cameras In Banned Areas \$25 Fines Imposed

For carrying a camera in Repulse Bay on September 1 without a permit from the Chief Security Officer, Miss Kathleen Oh, of Gage Street, was fined \$25 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sergeant Mackenzie said about 11 a.m. he saw Miss Oh taking a photograph on the beach. He told her he was a Police officer and took possession of the camera. The negatives showed that all exposures were innocuous.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Chan Cheuk-kin, student, of Donihorn Road on September 6.

Det. Sergeant Macey said he met Chan on the road with a camera. The photographs taken were all of a family nature.

#### Youth Struck By Motor Car

Mrs. J. Scott Harston, of 529 The Peak, reports that about 2.25 p.m. yesterday while she was driving her car along Island Road towards Repulse Bay, a Chinese youth jumped from a hillside into the path of her car.

The youth was struck by the left mudguard of the car. He was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital and is reported to be suffering from a fractured skull.

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From Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, representing the Kwangtung Refugee Relief Association, \$25 in memory of the late Mrs. Maud Woods, from Mrs. L. Hall.

BUCHAREST, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It is officially confirmed that Rumania is demobilising on a large scale.

Some 120,000 men were released from the forces last week.

The General Staff has been authorised to demobilise up to 40 per cent. of the army in order to supply the needs of agriculture labour.



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Caught In Act Of Stealing

#### Foodstuff From Lane, Crawford's

Charged with attempted larceny of \$17.50 worth of foodstuff from the Provisions Department of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Leung Man, 27, a coolie employed in that department and two others, Chan Choi, 28, and Yung Koon-sing, 42, salesman, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendants were alleged to have attempted to steal three bottles of Horlick's malted milk, two half-pound tins of Ovaltine, two half-pound tins of Colman's mustard and two quarter-pound tins of Colman's mustard.

Det. Sgt. Cochrane said the first and third defendants were seen by another Chinese employee pushing a basket through a pigeon-hole. This was reported to Mr. F. L. Hall who informed the Police and the defendants were arrested.

Second defendant, Chan Choi, pleaded not guilty, and as the Police offered no evidence against him he was discharged.

First and third defendants were remanded for hours for consideration of sentence.

## Shanghai Has To Walk

### Transport Strike Spreads

SHANGHAI, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The transportation problem in Shanghai was further aggravated this morning when French Concession trams and buses failed to appear.

It is reported that workers in the French Concession struck in sympathy with the International Settlement tram and bus employees.

With the city's entire cheap transportation system at a standstill, rickshaw coolies are doing a thriving business.

The present transportation tie-up is the greatest in recent years, as it is the first time in local history that the entire bus and tram services of the two foreign areas are paralysed.

#### French Trams Running

SHANGHAI, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—French trams have begun running, each car carrying two Police as a precaution.

It is understood that the French tram-workers were forced to walk out by the Settlement strikers.

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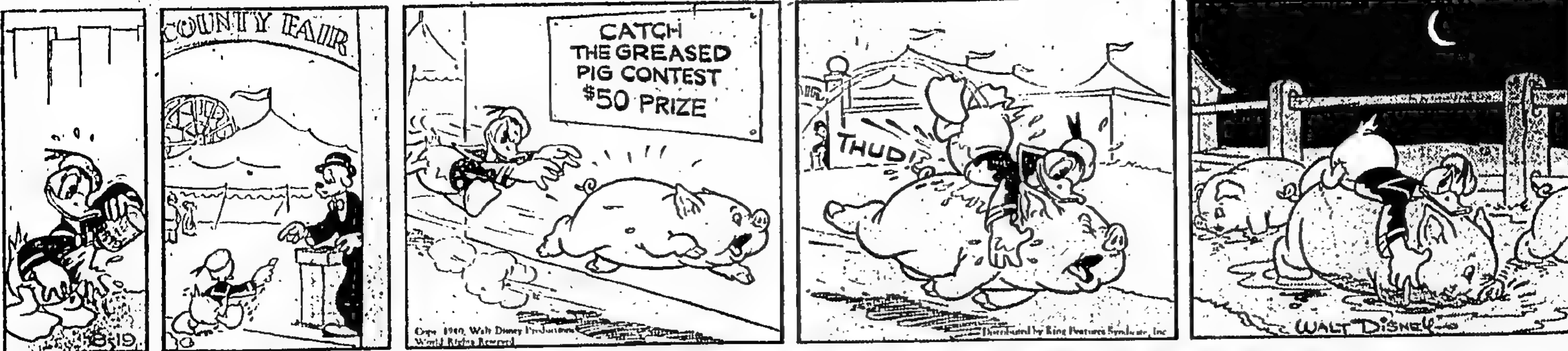
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## MAGAZINE PAGE

### CONSIDER THE TWO BLOCKADES

By F. Kingdon Ward  
The Scientist And Explorer

JAPAN is blockading China in the East as Great Britain is blockading Europe in the West. That is a very significant fact.

It means that the Eurasian continent is shut off from the world on three sides. Europe being geographically no more than the north-western peninsula of Asia.

The Polar Sea keeps the fourth side closed for six or eight months in the year. Thus Great Britain and Japan are blockading half a hemisphere.

It will be interesting to compare Japan's blockade with Great Britain's, and see how far they resemble one another and wherein they differ, both as regards their incidence and their results.

The Japanese blockade stretches from Shanghai to Haiphong, a distance of 2,000 miles measured along the steamship route down the China coast; the British blockade reaches from the North Cape inside the Arctic Circle round the Atlantic coast of Europe and through the Mediterranean to Haifa, a distance of 5,000 miles. Thus both navies have a formidable length of coastline to watch.

#### Asia To Europe

Beyond that stark fact, there is no possible comparison; the task of the mightier British navy is incomparably more difficult.

It is not merely that the European coast is far more complicated and hazardous than the China coast, it is not that Dictator Europe has a navy of sorts, whereas China has none, and cannot build one because she has not a single seaport; but Japan has large armies operating on the China coast and mainland. There is no point where a ship could discharge cargo with the hope of reaching the Chinese armies in the interior.

There are a dozen overland routes from Asia into Europe over which Great Britain has no control—through Murens, or via the Trans-Siberian railway, or the Turk-Sib railway and the Caspian Sea, and others. But as soon as Japan had, by diplomatic pressure, stopped the passage of arms to China by the French railway from Haiphong, and similarly closed the Burma Road, she had almost completely cut off China's land communications with the outside world.

Although there are several overland routes into China from the south and west—one runs eastwards from Mandalay to Kengtung for example—on the Chinese side of the frontier they are too primitive to be of use because communications inside China have only of late years been developed beyond the horse-and-cart stage. One possible motor road remains open, that through Russian Central Asia into north-west China.

#### China's Resources

While Britain does not control the overland routes into Europe

from the East, she has a splendid ally in the great deserts and mountain ranges which stretch across the Continent, cutting off the tropical lands and preventing tropical produce from reaching Central Asia.

Moreover, British sea power makes itself felt in the East, at Singapore, that is, effect there is of great importance, and that the longest of them all, the Trans-Siberian railway, from Vladivostok to the only port by which the vast resources of the Far East can reach Europe.

China is a richly endowed country. She can produce all the food she requires, and need not import any. She can never starve her into submission. Europe, on the other hand, is a highly industrialised region and must import a considerable proportion of its food.

China needs munitions, machinery, motor transport, and petrol. Germany, too, needs petroleum, but after that her chief requirements are food (cereals), fodder, rubbers, fats, vegetable oils, and certain minerals, such as iron, tin, copper, and ferro-nickel. Most of these China could supply.

#### Problem Of Oil

Oil is vitally necessary to both blockaded countries. Europe, of course, imports the bulk of its oil by sea, and Germany is now reduced to what she can get from Rumania and Russia, what she can manufacture, and her stored reserves.

China has no oil, therefore does not manufacture oil and cannot import it from overseas. But China has one advantage denied to Germany: oil is found in China itself, although the amount at present available represents only a fraction of what is needed.

Just as Germany can get oil from Rumania, so can China get oil from Burma. Doubtless a profitable oil smuggling organisation will spring up, once over the frontier, oil can be carried by mule to the motor road.

If we compare the areas under blockade, we find that Europe, including Russia, has an area of, in round numbers, 1,610,000 square miles, about half of which (803,450 square miles) is enemy territory. However, for blockade purposes, all Europe is under control.

China proper, comprising the 18 provinces, has an area of just under 4,300,000 square miles, of which about a quarter is uneasily occupied by Japan. While the blockade of this huge territory is as thorough as the blockade of Europe, its effects are less felt in proportion, as China is less densely populated.

China, it is true, cannot build a ship or launch a ship. She is even more tied to the continent than is Nazi Germany, with infinitely inferior overland communications, internal and external. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that the land frontier open in her rear is three times as long as the European land frontier open to Germany.

#### Closed Burma Road

The immediate situation for China is critical. The closing of the Burma Road marks the last move in the total blockade by Japan. Though it is now the close season for dirt roads within the monsoon belt, there is a real danger that it has been closed for the duration. The moral effect is bound to react unfavourably on up-keep, so that by the end of the rains, in November, a deterioration will have set in.

Neither China nor Japan shows the least inclination to make peace; and it will be an awkward moment when Britain is asked to reopen the road. On the other hand,

if the situation in Europe has improved that will ease the tension in the Far East.

There has always been a possibility of China looking elsewhere even to Russia for that help which Britain is at the moment unable to give her.

The only other possibility was the United States, who has been supplying Japan with nearly three-quarters of her war materials, on a cash and carry basis. From the moment that Britain closed the Panama Canal a new situation was created with Germany's claimant for the place of the United States.

Consider the position. A steel line of ships is blockading the Panama Canal from Narvik to Vladivostok. In the face of this pressure an internal resistance has been set up. Asia is hollow, and nature abhors a vacuum.

Already China is looking westwards as Germany is looking eastwards towards Central Asia. They are reaching out to one another, from stern motives of self-preservation, however little they approve of one another morally.

And there, sprawling across the northern horizon from sea to sea, lies the great bulk of Russia, the bridge between Europe and the Orient.

#### Precious As Exports

The success of the British blockade turns chiefly on the stoppage of oil, of certain ores, and of all tropical raw materials reaching Europe. Much of this last is grown in unoccupied China, where a great variety of economic products such as soyabean, groundnuts, tung oil and many fibres such as cotton, jute and ramie have long been cultivated. 60 per cent of the world's antimony comes from China and, unlike Germany, she produces no antimony and other ores. No amount of blockade can deny her these.

Industrial China, including the coal and iron districts of the north, and the great factory centres of Shanghai, Canton and Hankow, is an enemy land.

This includes practically the entire network of railways and the northern river plain between the Yangtze and Yellow rivers. Still more significant is the fact that Indonesia could supply those raw materials of which Germany is most in need, especially rice, coconut, rubber, tung, tin, and wolfram. These also might reach Germany overland via China and Russia.

A working alliance between Germany and China as a result of the Continental Blockade is logical but difficult to achieve, physically because of the great distances to be covered, politically because Russia is the linchpin of any mutual assistance pact.

Russian and Chinese interests conflict in Central Asia. Russian and German interests in south-east Europe. In any event the strengthening of the trans-Continental routes will take time, perhaps a generation, and the need is pressing. That is why Hitler has been urging his chiefs in tropical Africa, which is much nearer and might be expected to supply him until Asia is ready.

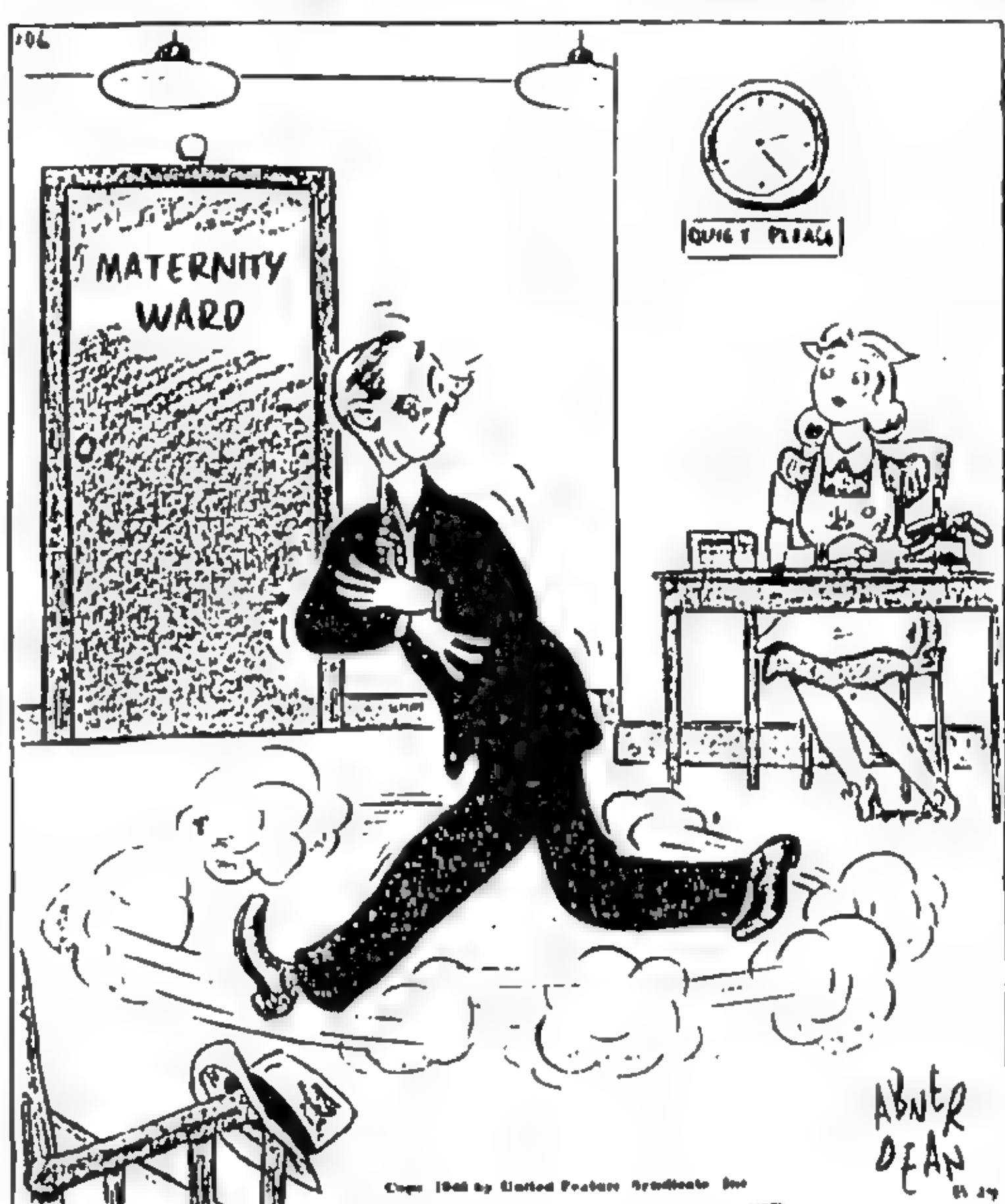
#### China And The Axis

The final outcome of the blockade must be to speed-up in every way trans-Continental communications by land and air, and to drive agriculturally rich China into the arms of industrially organised Europe, with Russia as liaison.

This is what is happening in Asia now. China is being drawn as by a magnet towards the Axis. Nor would this paradoxical result make for improved relations between London and Tokyo. Taking the short view, Great Britain, with her hands full in the west, had to close the Burma Road or suffer certain obvious consequences. Taking the long view, it was a profound mistake, for little worth; nor is it too late to make amends to a valiant country fighting for freedom.

### FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



### Dover is Mastering the Enemy's Tricks

By L. D. HUNTER

TO those of us who knew the Straits of Dover during our last period of disagreement with Germany the first months of this war presented a strange contrast.

From the early days of the 1914-18 campaign we had been confronted with a German penetration to the coast, with Nieuport-Bains, some 20 miles, N.E. of the sorely-tried town of Dunkirk as the high-water mark of the enemy's advance. Dover sea forces were thus early reconciled to the permanent presence of the enemy within a few miles of their gates, and took action accordingly.

Almost daily contact with shore batteries and surface ships was the order of those days. In addition to the operations necessary for the blocking of the Straits against enemy submarines. Although the air menace in all its modern aspects confronted Dover from the beginning of the present war, this last duty—prevention of submarine activity—was the principal pre-occupation of the Command there during the winter of 1939 and the spring of 1940.

#### News of surface craft likely to menace the Dover area only began to come through during the weeks preceding the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

Indeed, if reports are to be believed, even to-day the surface forces of the enemy are for the most part conspicuous by their absence even since the Continental shores of the Channel were laid open to them, and would seem to have been principally used for the hit-and-run operations of motor torpedo-boats.

Not that such activities are in any way to be despised, nor are they easy to counteract. But we have heard of none of the spectacular destroyer combats with which Dover was so much associated in the last war. An occasional submarine hunt, ending in a kill, was the only event of moment during the first seven or eight months of the war; if we except the epic of the evacuation.

Since May, however, there have been factors which have changed all that. Not only is the enemy once more upon the door-step, but almost has entered the hall; at least he has created the impression of a desire to mount the stairs.

Under the constant menace of the air from bases brought unpleasantly close, and even if the experts are to be believed—of long-range bombardment from the German-occupied coasts across the street, in support of unwelcome callers, Dover has had to redouble its outlook on life in general in a manner which seems almost unbelievable to veterans of the last war.

Barbed wire entanglements, interspersed with pill-boxes and other precautions for the disillusionment of the enemy lie athwart our usual promenade, and the daily life of naval and military organisations has had to adapt itself to the stern requirements of the sirens' frequent wailing.

The problem is being met, of course, by provision of offices underground, where it is possible for the machinery to function regardless of whistle-blowing, sirens and gunfire. Underground, therefore, has coyly retired the army of "black-coated workers" necessary to the servicing of a modern garrison and naval base—and even some of the militant ranks retire thither likewise in the intervals of their above-ground activities.

Opposition had to be encountered from some die-hards, and also from the high officers of the women's services, jealous of the well-being of their charges thus condemned to something like troglodyte existences, though it is acknowledged that means must be found for essential work to be continued.

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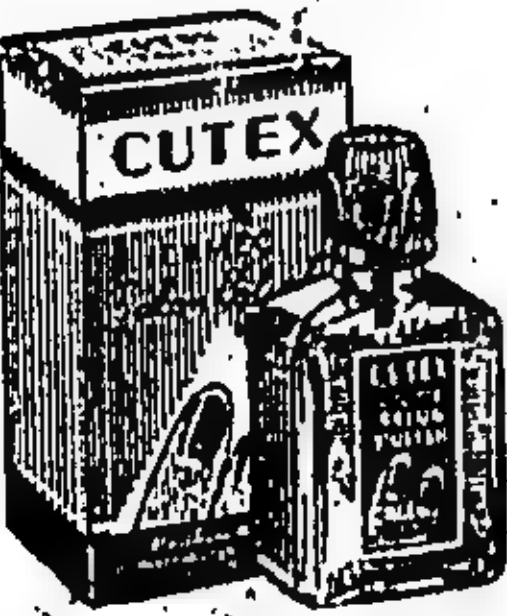
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## The Free Press

In a survey of the modern Press, Mr. Wickham Steed, a former editor of The Times, London, describes journalism as something more than a craft and different from an industry. In his view it is a vocation, which is at once an art and an industry. It is a trusteeship, not unlike that which is held by physicians; with this difference, however, that while a dishonest doctor can harm at worst only a few dozen or a few score patients, a dishonest journalist may poison the minds of hundreds of thousands of his fellow-men. The moral responsibility of the Press is thus akin to that of ministers of religion, statesmen, and the leaders of public thought.

There are important considerations in view of the fact that what appears in the news and editorial columns of the daily press constitutes so much, perhaps the greater part, of the reading of the people at large. One of the practical problems of the Press is to decide upon the length of editorial articles preferred by the average reader. Mr. Steed is quite sure that newspaper readers do not now possess the powers of sustained attention that they possessed before the Great War. Newspaper articles are now, as a general thing, shorter than they used to be, and this, it is said, is at least partly due to the fact that when people have undergone a long period of strain they are apt to be impatient with any statement that they cannot take in almost at a glance.

Nevertheless, it is tolerably clear that the continual use of short disjointed sentences in an ill-constructed paragraph containing mere slogans and brief ex cathedra utterances, while it may suit people in regimented countries who feel themselves incapable of thinking things out for themselves, does not satisfy thoughtful men in free countries. There are no shortcuts to the formation of sound opinions. Of course, short and pithy articles have their place, but there is something to be said for the easier and more leisurely style. In point of fact, a severely condensed article may make greater demands on the attention than a longer one. Anyone who wishes to do so may make an interesting experiment. Let him take an essay of Bacon containing say 350 words, read it once, and then try to give the substance of it in his own words.

Mr. Steed has something to say upon the subject of broadcasting, and what he says is the more interesting in that he is a broadcaster as well as a journalist. He says that broadcasting has a wider appeal than the Press, because the newspaper public is a reflective public, whereas a broadcaster may speak to literate and illiterate alike. Tennyson said, however, that things seen are mightier than things heard, and most people are more impressed by the printed word, which remains, than by the spoken word, which flies. They like to see the news in actual print. They want to take it in more fully and think it over. Perhaps that is one reason why we are so regularly reminded that "further details will be found in your local newspaper."

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# my son, my son!

I CAN see now in all its details, as clearly as though I had left it but yesterday, the dingy little furnished room in the drab Manchester street which Dermot O'Riordan and I had shared for so many of our youthful years.

I can see the two iron beds in the corner, the two cheap chairs and the broken-down bureau before whose distorted mirror Dermot was shaving in preparation for the most momentous event in his life.

"Bad cess to it!" cried Dermot. "I would cut meself to-day of all days! Hand me a piece of paper, Will."

Without rising from my trunk-packing, I reached over to the table, pulling off the top sheet from a stack of hand-written pages, and passed it to him.

"I can't use this, man!" said Dermot. "It's the story you're writing." His puckish, snubbed nose poked forward inquiringly at me as always when he was excited.

"Use it," I said curtly. "That's all it's good for."

"Ah, there ye go now. Letting old man discouragement ride on your shoulder! You've got talent and imagination and heart! Why, man, the whole world is open for you to write about! I've no patience with a man who has no faith in himself, Will Essex."

"It's easy for you to talk, Dermot," I replied. "You want to be the finest cabinet-maker in England. Meanwhile you work in wood. . . . you can see what you're accomplishing—and you get paid for what you do. I want to be a writer—but no one will pay me to write. I have to take any old job I can find that gives me a bare living and a chance to write on the side. . . . Anyway, there you are—all packed and ready to go off and claim your bride!"

Dermot glanced up at the wall. "All packed! It's a fine packer you are, leavin' my picture of Brian Roru himself hangin' on the wall!" He stepped over and stood in front of the old Irish king's picture, addressing it. "It's humiliated enough I am that you've had to repose in this mildewed boardin' house . . . and you the greatest of the Irish Kings! Will, if I ever have a son I'll give him back to Ireland—to live the life I missed!"

"If I ever have a son," I countered, "I'll give him out of a plum like this—out of a life like this."

When Dermot was at last shaved and dressed in his meagre best, and the drayman had removed his few effects for the trip to Liverpool where his Sheila lived, we shook hands warmly.

"I'll be seeing you as soon as I bring Sheila back," said Dermot. "Mind you, and yourself a good word to live."

"It'll have to be a cheap one until I get a job. But I'll be all right."

"Sure and you'll be all right. Both of us will be all right." He struck an attitude. "Remember the lad with the banner. Excelsior!"

"Onward and upward!" I responded.

"Me and my hands—with your hand! Goodbye, Will."

"Goodbye, Dermot."

I find myself wandering through Shelley Street, a meaner street even than the one in which Dermot and I lived. The janitress at Number 28 eyed me with open hostility.

"You'll find no cheaper lodgings around ere, Mister, but you can look elsewhere for all I care."

"A family I knew used to live here a dozen years ago. Name of Essex."

"Never 'eard of 'em."

A strange sadness came over me. "My mother moved to this house the day she was married," I muttered. "She had nine children in it. She buried five from it. She died in it herself. And you never heard of her!"

I moved slowly along to the corner. There was Moscrop's bakery, with its fly-blown window full of breads and cakes. Nothing was changed here; but inside, through the open door I could see Mr. Moscrop, now grown old and very fat, and a rather pretty, very prim-looking young girl who must be his daughter Nellie.

With them was a husky, rough-looking youth talking volubly, evidently engaged in some sort of altercation with old man Moscrop. I could hear his tirade, interspersed with crude billingsgate.

"Wot if I am short in my collection! How much do yer pay me for drivin' yer blasted van, anyway? I don't like yer bloomin' job, an' I'm chuckin' it this very minute!"

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chosen "Heronwater," a good-sized estate perched high on a rocky cliff overlooking a sandy cove in Cornwall. Oliver was now eight, just a few months younger than Dermot's little girl, Maeve, whom Sheila had born to her husband.

Nellie and I had frequent little encounters over the rearing of our son. Her leaning was all toward the firm but just hand, the prim correctness, tinged with devoutness, that had been the keynote of her upbringing.

My ceaseless delight in the child, my joy in the mere fact that I had a son for whom I planned every happiness I myself had missed in my childhood and youth—these were things beyond her ken or without the orbit of her sympathies. And she soled (though she said a little about it) the thousand little ways in which I spoiled the lad.

One evening, while I was putting Oliver to bed, Rory burst into the room, towing his father by the hand. Over Dermot's laughing protests, the boy insisted upon recovering from Oliver a book he had lent him—"The Irish Kings."

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"I don't," I replied quietly. "And if you have no other suggestion, I may as well go." I left the room and started down the hall to my own room, realising only now how much the incident had shaken me.

As I stood staring out of a window, a series of sharp, agonised cries came from Oliver's room. "No! No! Don't! Don't!"

I dashed back into the room and seized from Nellie's hand the cane with which she was punishing the child. As I wrenched it from her grasp the boy suddenly turned upon me and drove his little fist into my face with all his strength, crying "Don't hit my mother!"

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## From The best-selling novel by HOWARD SPRING

take you to Chapel. Who knows—you might convert a heathen."

"I'd like to," she said shyly. "Thank you, Mr. Essex."

I sat through the services as attentively as my thoughts of my postponed writing would permit. When we returned home we found Mr. Moscrop lying in a huddled heap at the foot of the staircase, as though he had been trying to gain his bedroom during a particularly severe attack.

I bent over the inert form for a moment, with Nellie's frightened sobs in my ears. Then I arose and placed my hands gently on her shoulders.

"There's nothing we can do, Nellie. There's nothing anyone can do!"

She leaned against me, letting her grief and fright and loneliness pour themselves out unchecked. . . . Perhaps I had already known that sooner or later I was going to marry Nellie Moscrop.

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# BRITISH GUNS POUNDING DAKAR WHILE DE GAULLE TRIES TO LAND

Special to the "Telegraph"

The British Naval action at Dakar is still in progress according to latest advices, carefully worded communiqués indicating that after General de Gaulle's unsuccessful attempt last Monday to take the colony without bloodshed, the British forces swung into action.

One London announcement says that General de Gaulle withdrew his forces some distance, and it is believed that while the British are now fighting, General de Gaulle is working through his sympathisers inside Dakar to overthrow the Vichy authorities.

General de Gaulle himself yesterday issued a statement that the operations at Dakar were continuing and there was every reason to believe they would end successfully.

He explained: "The operations were decided upon to prevent French West Africa from falling into German hands."

He added that there had been infiltrations of German and Italian officers at Dakar during July and August.

The Vichy Government yesterday announced that the French submarine *Perceps* had been sunk while moving forward to attack a British cruiser at Dakar.

It is claimed that the cruiser was hit and that most of the submarine's crew were saved.

**Six Attempts To Land**  
Vichy declared that the British forces made six attempts to land under the command of General de Gaulle, four were made at Rufisque and two further to the south-east of Dakar.

Shelling of Dakar by British warships continued throughout the day after the Dakar authorities had rejected an ultimatum delivered at 1.20 a.m. and due to expire at 9 a.m.

**"The Battle Continues"**  
According to the Vichy statement the ultimatum warned Dakar that unless it surrendered the British Commander felt it his obligation to attack and occupy the city with troops.

The Governor of Dakar is reported to have replied: "France has confidence in Dakar and me. I will defend Dakar to the end."

The communiqué then inconclusively concludes: "The battle continues."

It appears that when General de Gaulle first attempted to land he used unarmed men flying the French

colours and a white flag; they were fired upon by the Dakar navy and several men were killed.

General de Gaulle then withdrew his troops because he said he did not want fighting to break out among Frenchmen.

**Gibraltar Raided**  
The report that Gibraltar was attacked by French planes in retaliation for the action at Dakar appears to be substantiated by a message from Lalla which says that 30 French planes, apparently using bases in French Morocco, bombed Gibraltar at intervals of ten minutes for an hour and a half.

It is believed that gasoline depots were among the objectives and dense smoke was seen rising from Gibraltar.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action continuously from 12.40 p.m. to 2.05 p.m.

The French raiders are reported to have dropped bombs at Puntalena. According to witnesses this was the heaviest raid yet made on Gibraltar and surpassed the intensity of the Italian attacks.

**"United Press" and "Dome" Messages**

**Fighting In Progress at 4 p.m.**

A later "United Press" message says that according to General de Gaulle's headquarters the operations at Dakar were still in progress at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but that no details were available.

"Reuter" says that a despatch from Algiers to the German official news agency states that there is no confirmation of reports that French aircraft bombed Gibraltar.

Algiers reports that a reconnaissance plane was sighted over Gibraltar in the evening.

## DISEASE IN SHELTERS

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Owing partly to the danger of bombing and partly to the danger of infectious disease if much time is spent in deep underground shelters, the evacuation of mothers with children of any age is being organised from some hard-pressed areas in London.

Those wishing to go can register and Government will make arrangements to take them to the country.

Some 428,000 children of school age remain in the London County Council, Greater London, Thames-side and Medway towns, and 464,000 have been evacuated.

## OFFICIAL VERSION

Why Attack Was Launched

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle decided to invade Dakar following German and Italian infiltration and assumption of control there, states a communiqué issued at the General Headquarters of the Free French forces.

Attacking forces were composed of military naval and aerial units. The French troops were escorted by battleships of the French Navy and British naval forces were present only to assure supplementary protection against any attack carried out with German participation.

**Dakar Responsible**  
Dakar authorities were the first to assume the responsibility of opening hostilities against the French. Several members of the crew were killed and a large number wounded. Desiring to avoid a fight between Frenchmen, General de Gaulle removed his forces to a distance.

The Dakar authorities have not ceased firing on the French Navy and British ships since the start of operations.

## No Invasion Attempt Yet

Doubts on Reported German Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
London casts doubts on the report that between fifty and sixty thousand Germans were lost during embarkation exercises in the English Channel recently.

However, says "United Press," there is no doubt that a considerable number of fully-armed Nazi troops were lost at sea when the Royal Air Force carried out surprise bombing attacks on embarkation barges.

The masses of barges concentrated in French ports provided too good a target to miss.

**Gale Plays Havoc**

The Germans were also embarrassed because they had to anchor offshore where a heavy westerly gale played havoc with the craft, which are constructed for calm water only.

Informed London quarters also strongly deny that any attempt at invasion has yet been made. They explained that the bodies of fully-equipped German soldiers, which are reported to have been washed up along the British coast, probably came from the wrecks of sunken transports which recently fell victims to a British submarine.

## TWO FOR ONE

Madras Makes Promise Of Aeroplanes

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Governor of Madras has given an assurance to Lord Beaverbrook that every aeroplane of the squadron presently in Madras will be replaced with two planes, the Madras radio announced.

The announcer stated that the Frontier Province Aircraft Fund is also mounting and a fourth list of subscribers has topped 70,000 rupees.

In the United Provinces, over 150,000 rupees have been contributed to the War Fund by people of the Meira district.

The Governor of Bengal has given £10,000 to the Air Raid Victims Fund and a committee is appointed in Calcutta under the chairmanship of the Mayor to collect further funds.

## They Wait For The Invader

Jersey men who fled from their homes when the Germans occupied the Channel Islands will fly no longer. They have joined up in Britain, are here seen training with Lewis gun.



## Claim Consular Office Was Searched

## Japanese Protest On Singapore Arrests

—Safe Unsealed

TOKYO, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Inviting the British Ambassador to the Foreign Office, the Foreign Vice-Minister, Mr. Ohashi, filed a vigorous protest against the Singapore case in which six Japanese, including Mamoru Shinozaki, an employee of the Japanese Consulate-General, were arrested on September 22.

He stressed the untoward action of searching Shinozaki's office and sealing the safe, according to a Japanese report.

Requesting reconsideration, Mr. Ohashi demanded an immediate improvement in the situation arising from the arrest of Japanese residents in Singapore.

An official report from the Japanese Consul-General reveals that he called on the civil administrator at

Singapore on September 22 and filed a strong protest against the British action.

**Searched By Mistake**

To this the administrator is said to have explained that the search of Shinozaki's office was carried out by mistake. The office was thought to be his private room.

The protest results in the removal of the seal from Shinozaki's safe, the Japanese report adds.

## Terrific Night Raids By R.A.F. on Berlin

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—British bombing on Berlin last night continued on an average of about 4½ minute intervals for several hours.

This is revealed by the Air Ministry news service, which states that the heaviest attacks fell upon pre-determined targets, which included railway yards near Potsdam and the Klingenberg power stations.

Severe fires were started at all points. One aircraft reported eight explosions in railway sidings followed by a very large fire in railway buildings.

Another aircraft started a large fire at a power station.

At Klingenberg a considerable fire was already burning when one aircraft arrived and lit the target for further missiles.

**Aerodrome Attacked**

Returning from this area, one pilot flew low over Schiphol aerodrome and machine-gunned the searchlights.

Five big fires at Moabit enabled the target to be identified by the succeeding bombers. Explosive material blew up in a series of vivid flashes.

The Moabit fires were visible 80 miles away.

Four big fires were started at Charlottenburg power station and the Wilmersdorf power station was left ablaze.

**Gas Works Explosion**

At Danzigerstrasse gas works, the bombing caused a violent explosion, followed by sheets of flame. The explosions were seen 23 miles away and wrecked parts of the Neukölln gas works.

Another large gas works at Charlottenburg was quickly gutted by fire.

Railway yards at Charlottenburg and elsewhere were seen to be hit. B.M.W. aero-engine works at Spinnau were bombed as well as the Tempelhof aerodrome.

The Siemens works received a direct hit.

One pilot who attacked a large gas works in the north-east area of Berlin reported on his return that it was plain sailing all the way there and back—a journey of some 1,200 miles.

The following aircraft, however, met strong opposition and the pilots described how "things started to hum just as we got near Berlin."

**Most Successful Raid Yet**

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Reports from all sources show that Monday night's raid by the R.A.F. on Berlin was the biggest and one of the most successful yet carried out against the German capital.

More planes than ever before were sent over. Some squadrons were visiting Berlin for the first time.

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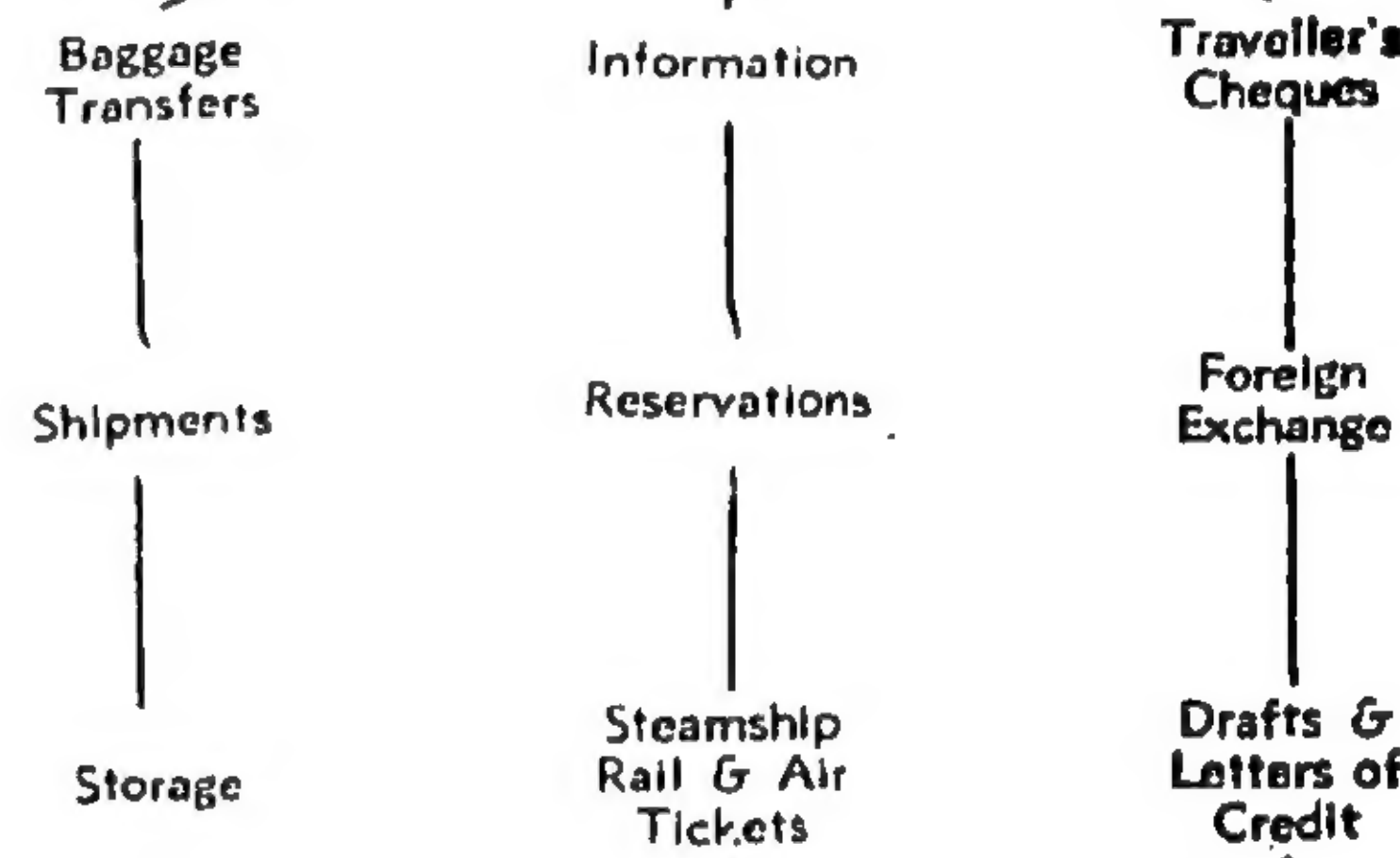
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## Government Control Of Civil Building

Licences For New Structures

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Government has decided to control civil building and a scheme of licensing will come into force on October 7. It is similar to that introduced in the middle of the last war.

The new plan will be operated by the Commissioners of Work and licensing officers have been appointed in each of the 12 regional areas.

It will forbid, with certain exceptions, any private building or construction operation which has not been authorised or licensed.

Operations costing less than £200 will not require a licence.

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## Shipping Company Fined \$100 Failure To Submit Passenger List

—French Arrivals

A fine of \$100 was imposed on the manager of the Messageries Maritimes Steamship Co., Queen's Building, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to return a passenger list of non-Chinese passengers of the *Laos*, which arrived here on September 12.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth, appearing for the defendant, pleaded guilty, and said that his clients were fully aware of the importance of the Ordinance under which the summons was taken out. He was sorry for what had happened and pleaded an unfortunate combination of circumstances.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth said his clients were the agents for the owners of the ship. The ship employed a Chinese whose duties were to prepare a list of the passengers and to tender it to the Water Police when they board the vessel.

**Once In 20 Years**

On the date of the arrival of the ship, the man in charge of the Passenger Department was on Volunteer

duties, and on his return he did not hear anything about the list, nor did he know that Europeans had arrived by that ship.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth said he was instructed by his clients to offer their profound regrets. Only once in 20 years had they failed to forward a passenger list to the Police.

Sergeant J. Hendridge, of the Special Branch, said the ship arrived on September 12 but his Department did not receive the ship's list.

**French Arrivals**  
Two days later a Frenchman reported his arrival to the Department, and through him, it was learned that three other Frenchmen had arrived by the same ship.

A representative of the Company was sent for and asked why the list had not been sent in. In the afternoon the list was forwarded to the Police.

## British Pilots Carry Out Raids on Reich

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers were again active over Germany and German-occupied territory last night.

In addition to strong forces of the R.A.F. detailed to bomb objectives in the Berlin area and enemy-occupied Channel ports, other forces of our bombers attacked the aircraft works at Hamburg, Cuxhaven, Bremerhaven, Bremen and Wismar, goods yards at Munster and Hanover, railway communications in north Germany and several enemy aerodromes.

Yesterday an aircraft of the Coastal Command shot down an enemy bomber into the sea.

## Latest Air Mail Situation

Owing to the present uncertain conditions in Indo-China, an outward service by Imperial Airways failed to leave Kai Tak for Bangkok this morning. There was no inward service yesterday. It is possible that the plane may leave to-morrow, but nothing definite can be ascertained at the moment.

## STOCK EXCHANGE

Firmer Tone Follows Keynes' Broadcast

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day responded to Mr. J. M. Keynes' broadcast last night on the United Kingdom's finances after one year of war by a firm tone, particularly among the gilt-edged securities, among which small gains were general.

Industrials were supported from the provinces while Kaifir dividend payers benefited by the late local buying. Other groups were irregular.

Wall Street was firm.

**Happy Valley Golf**

**K. S. Robertson Wins Second Summer Singles**

In the final of the Second Summer Singles of the Happy Valley Golf Club, K. S. Robertson, (9) beat C. C. Barker (9) by 4 and 2.



## Around The Courses

### LOCAL CONDITIONS REVERT TO NORMAL

#### Kowloon G.C. Fairways In Fine Trim: Merits Of Various Holes

(By "Birdie")

AT LONG LAST courses are nearing normal. Water has either evaporated or drained away, and, generally speaking, the ground is none too worse for it. The fairways at Kowloon are in exceptionally fine condition, and, except for the 1st where one is as often as not likely to find the ball plugged, it is really a pleasure to play on them. With reasonable accuracy, one can be sure to find the ball sitting on a bit of "pretty".

Drainage and grass-cutting has worked wonders at the Country Club, Sheungshui, while latest news from the Shek-O Country Club is that the new 18th hole has been opened, and Par for the course has been reduced from 70 to 64.

I went around the newly extended course at Kowloon on Saturday for the first time, and had a very enjoyable afternoon. From hearsay, last week, I mentioned that the Par 34 was a difficult one, and I can now verify the truth of that statement, for the long 3rd, the short 4th, the blind 6th and 7th will ever see to that.

The other holes are as straightforward as the friendly crooked mind of any golf course designer could permit.

There was one incident that day that was as refreshing as it was unique. We were approaching the 9th green, when from behind us in a voice that Mary would have envied in her poor efforts to call the crows home across the sands of the sea, there came a scintillating yell.

One of my opponents, who was shaping for a chip, which like a startled horse, thinking he was about to play some one else's ball. But it was only a member of another club calling his caddy!

CLUBHOUSE chatter drifted around to the merits of various holes. A Kowloon member gave the palm to the short 4th, which is about 200 yards long.

It is either a No. 2 iron or a spoon shot. The green nestles snugly within a circle of bunkers, and from the edge of the bunkers is a stretch of rough and long grass.

On the first time round I was lucky enough to get out of the grass and on to the green in 2, but on the second occasion I became weary of doing the work of a lawn mower and picked up.

Full marks to this and the blind 6th and 7th.

The 6th and 7th at Sheungshui are the nearest out there in similarity to these. The 6th is a Par 4, if you stick to the fairway, but the ambitious usually try over the hill that unakes a dog-leg, and as usually go down in 6 or 7. The 7th is very much alike to Kowloon's 4th.

The new 10th at Shek-O, though not yet tried out, offers the most serious problem to golfers there. It is 200 yards, and over a hill, and to be either short or long means playing out of boggy ground.

#### Swimming Championships

#### Finals And Finalists For Events To-day

THE FOLLOWING are the finalists for the final events of Colony swimming championships at the V.R.C. this evening, commencing at 6.15 p.m.

Men's 220 yds. Free-style: Ng Nin, Charles Huang, Chan Chun-mun, Muk Wai-ming and Yau Sai-kwan.

Women's 50 yds. Free-style: I. Lopes, V. Churn, Ko Mul-ling, Ho Wai-king and J. Anderson.

Women's 100 yds. Back-stroke: Lee Cheuk-wah, I. Lopes, Sir Wai-ying, D. Weir and Tsang Fung-kwan.

Men's 100 yds. Breast-stroke: Kung Sau-shek, Ng Nin, Ho Poon-kun, Lui M. Remedios and Fong Chung-yu.

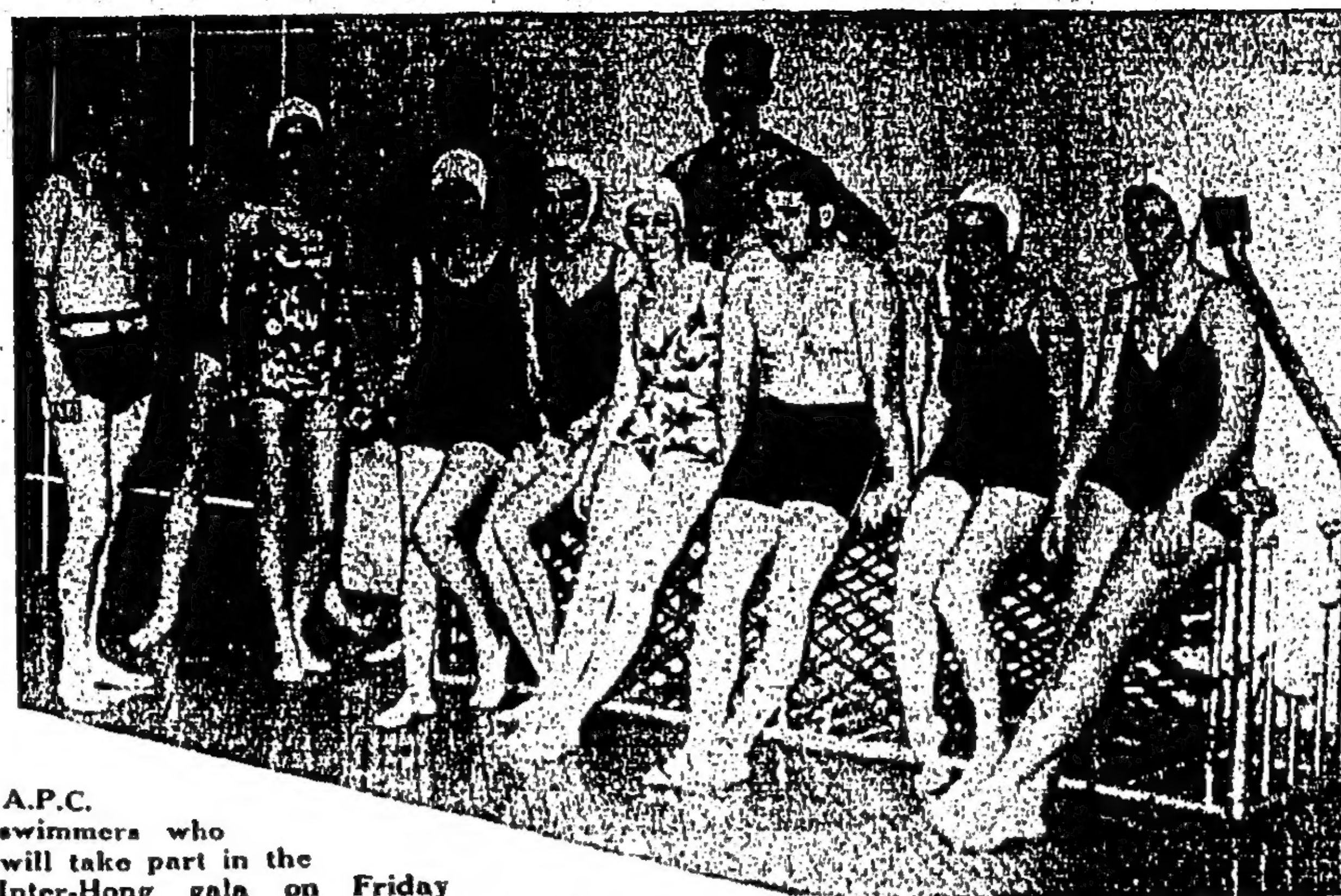
Women's 200 yds. Free-style Relay: Chung Sing Benevolent Society, V.R.C. "A" and V.R.C. "B".

Holes like these, however, make golf a great game—if it isn't taken too seriously.

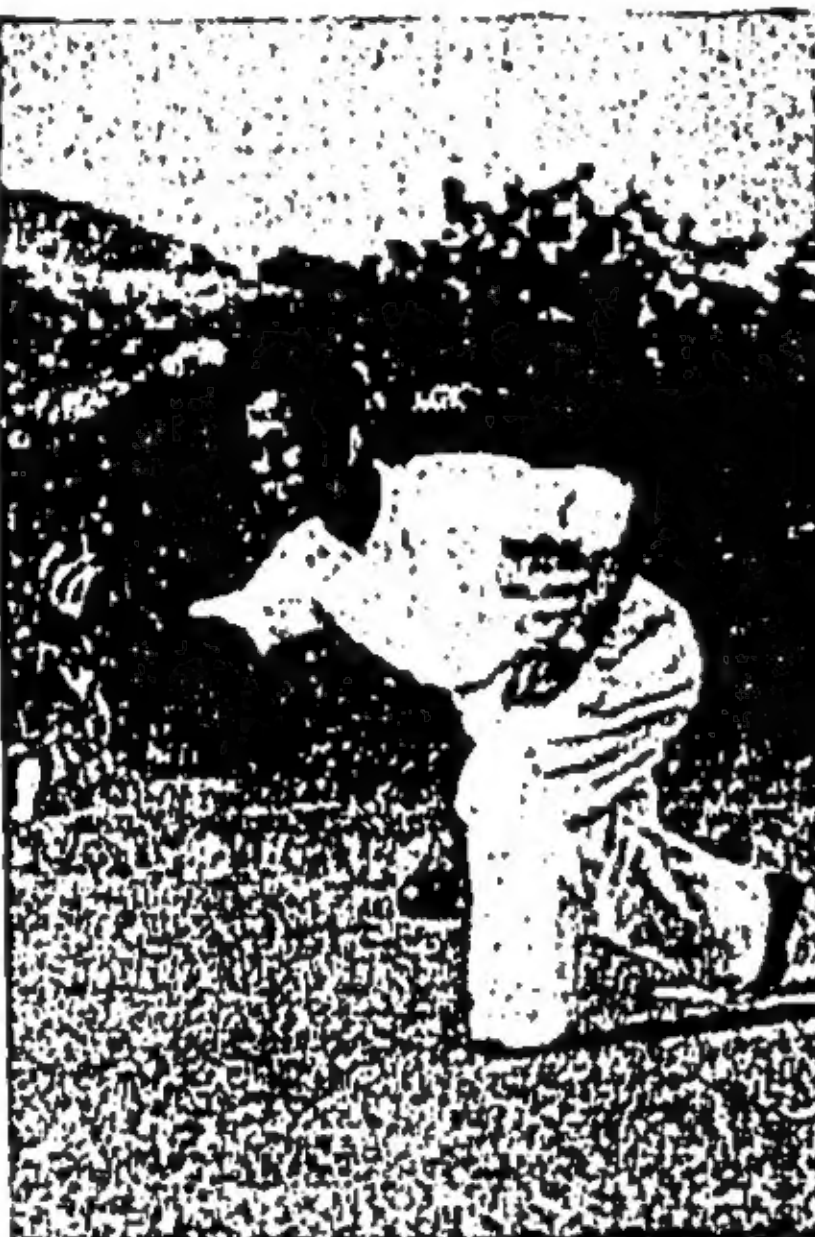
THE championships of Shek-O Country Club will be played over the new 18-hole course on October 6. Seniors and juniors will play together with the new Par in force. Handicaps have remained the same as those for Fanning.

The Championship of the Colony, too, will be held towards the end of next month. The limit of handicaps has been raised from 10 to 12, and already those eligible are practicing hard.

The weather is finally turning more favourable for golf. It is yet just a little too hot around noon, but provided one starts early enough in the morning and at a reasonable hour in the afternoon, it is quite pleasant.



A.P.C. swimmers who will take part in the Inter-Hong gala on Friday practicing at the European Y.M.C.A. pool. Reading left to right: N. S. Spence, P. K. M. Patten, Miss F. Gomez, L. de C. Blechynden, Mrs. L. Shaw, Miss P. Hamblin, Mrs. M. Sterling, J. L. Hsley, G. Thomerson, Miss N. Quinn and Miss S. Baskett.—Ming Yuen.



U. M. OMAR who broke his "jinx" of losing in beating J. McKelvie yesterday.—Staff Photographer.

#### Bowls Singles U. M. Omar Breaks His Jinx

Triumph Over McKelvie 21-14 At Recreio

(By "Tinker")

IN DEFEATING J. McKelvie 21-14 in the Second Round of the Open Singles lawn bowls championship at the Club de Recreio yesterday, U. M. Omar also defeated the "jinx" that has dogged him on each of the other occasions on which he has won the title.

Champion in 1931, he was eliminated in the first round of the 1932 competition; winner in 1937, he was eliminated in the first round of the 1938 tournament; and winner last year he anticipated that his luck would continue, and that he would suffer defeat in his first match yesterday. He received a bye in the first round.

And it was well on the cards too, for McKelvie, over the first 15 heads was playing excellent bowls. At the 11th he was leading 11-6, but with a succession of singles, however, Omar crept up to 10-11 on the 16th.

The pavilion end of the ground was bad, especially for a full head. The Jack rested in the spot where the mat would lie, and on the 16th head both men found the dip and alternately lay the shot when their woods turned over at right angles to the line of flight.

Over the last heads, however, Omar was on and around the Jack for almost every head. McKelvie on isolated occasions came through with last words that only just failed. The 21st head saw one of the occasions. Omar lay 3, and McKelvie's last wood took it one shot and then rolled over the wrong way to leave 2, otherwise the shot would have been McKelvie's.

A.E. COATES ELIMINATED M. R. ABBAS repeated his performance of last year's and eliminated A. E. Coates 22-10 yesterday at the Civil Service C.C. Coates was not playing too well, and when Abbas drew for two 4's on the 6th and 16th ends, Coates was unable to draw near enough to disturb the position.

The victory was not a surprise, but the margin of 12 shots was.

#### CLOSE MATCH

ONE of the closest matches was at the K.C.C. where C.C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 21-18 on the 24th head. On the 22nd end the scores were tied 18-18, and despite Pereira's single on the 23rd, the match was only lost when Abbas lost touch over the 24th and gave away a 3.

Scores yesterday were:

RESULTS

Club de Recreio  
U. M. Omar beat J. McKelvie 21-14 on 24th head.  
Civil Service C.C.  
M. R. Abbas beat A. E. Coates 22-10 on 17th head.  
W. Gill beat E. G. Post 21-15 on 23rd.

Kowloon F.C.  
F. X. M. Silva beat B. Basso 21-8 on 18th.

Kowloon B.C.C.  
W. J. Howard beat C. H. Basso 21-10 on 17th.

Kowloon C.C.  
C. C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 21-18 on 24th.

J. B. Landolt beat C. Dowman 21-11 on 21st.

Craigswater C.C.  
M. N. Nakusen beat F. P. Anslow 21-11 on 17th.

A. R. Minu beat J. J. Basso 21-5 on 16th.

#### VOLUNTEER AQUATIC MEET ON OCT. 12

In New Army Pool

AT A MEETING yesterday it was decided to revive the annual Volunteer aquatic meeting, which will be held in the Army swimming pool, Victoria Barracks, on October 12 at 9.30 p.m.

Those present were Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell (Chairman), Capt. H. A. de B. B. B. (No. 5 Coy.), Lt. A. M. Rodriguez (Field Ambulance), Sgt. J. B. Bailey (Engineer Coy.), L. Cpl. H. Winglee (No. 3 Coy.), Pte. R. Goldmann (No. 1 Coy.), L. Sgt. A. J. Hussain (3rd Battery), Mr. E. W. Ballin (3rd Battery), L. A. Soares (No. 6 Coy.).

No prizes will be awarded to individuals, but the Corps Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the team with the most number of points.

The teams are—Corps Artillery (including 5th Battery); Machine Gun Companies; Portuguese Companies; Mobile Machine Guns; Small Units (to include Engineer Coy., Field Ambulance, Signal Coy., A.S.C. and Pay Section).

#### PROGRAMME

The programme will comprise the following events:  
Six-men 220 yards relay; three men 100 yards medley relay; diving (running plain dive and running jack-knife off low board); running plain dive; running jack-knife and optional dive off high board; four-men 225 yards relay; Officers v. Sergeants 133 1/3 yards relay; Invitation relay open to Army teams (teams of six, 33 1/3 yards each); Nursing Detachment Championship; (600 yds.); Water-polo; Volunteers v. Army.

The butterfly breast-stroke will be barred.

The Committee decided on 1,000 tickets at 31 each.

The sub-committee will comprise R. Goldman, H. Winglee and L. A. Soares.

Points will be awarded on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis.

#### Pony Classifications

The following are the latest alterations and additions to Race Pony Classification lists dated May 28, 1940:  
Australian ponies—Viceroy to A. Class; Income Tax to B. Class; A Green Time to C. Class. China ponies—Racing Time to B. Class.

#### METROPOLE HOTEL

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J. McKELVIE ... at one time appeared the likely winner.—Staff Photographer.

#### Major Baseball

#### CLEVELAND BEATEN BY ST. LOUIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP).—Cleveland Indians dropped in the American League to-day when they were beaten by the St. Louis Browns, and Detroit Tigers, who were idle, are now further ahead in the race for the pennant.

Scores were:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis ... 7 14 3  
Cleveland ... 2 6 0  
Cleveland ... 2 6 0  
Batteries: Harder, Eisenstat, Allen, Pytlak, Henley.  
Washington ... 4 7 0  
Batteries: Krakauskas, Haynes, Carrasquel, Early.

New York ... 9 8 0  
Batteries: Chandler, Murphy, Rosar, Dickey.

(Called in the 7th owing to darkness).

Boston ... 4 9 2  
Batteries: Wilson, Desaulniers, Philadelphia ... 3 6 0  
Batteries: Beckman, Hayes.

#### League Table

Detroit ... 87 62 284  
Cleveland ... 89 64 273

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York ... 8 9 0  
Batteries: Lohman, Melton, Dean, Odom.

Brooklyn ... 8 7 2  
Batteries: Wyatt, Casey, Franks.

#### SPORTS ADVT.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

#### Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 5th and Thursday, 10th October, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; The Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 20th September, 1940.

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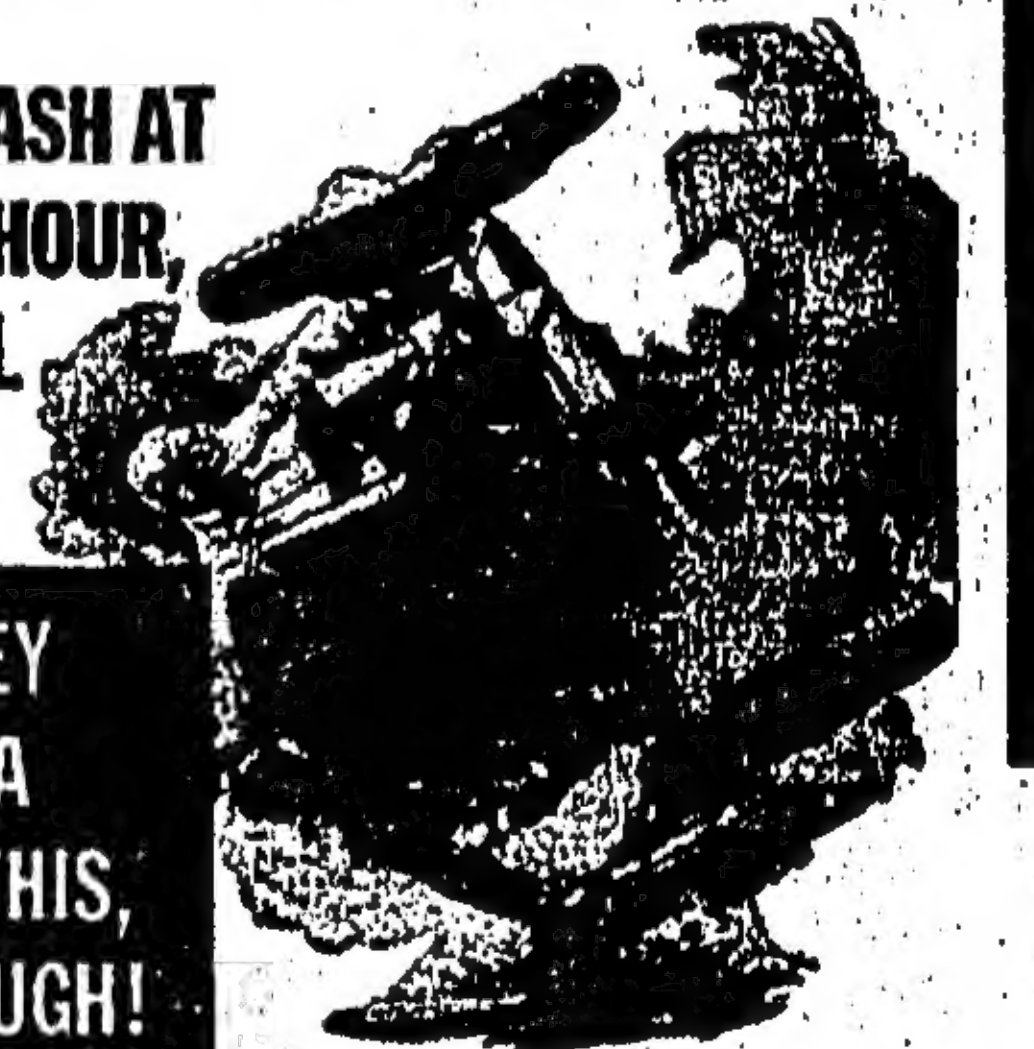
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## R.A.F. ATTACK ON NAZI M.T.B.s

Spectacular Dive-Bombing

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Five German E-boats—fast motor torpedo boats—cruising off Cap Gris Nez were bombed by six British bombers this afternoon.

Columns of water a hundred feet high leapt into the air along the line of motor boats, hiding the latter from view.

Protecting Spitfires sped across the sky as the bombers re-climbed for another attack.

No direct hits were observed but all the boats turned and dashed for the shore.

## Chungking Urges British To Open The Burma Road

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Britain is being urged by Chungking to open the Burma Road.

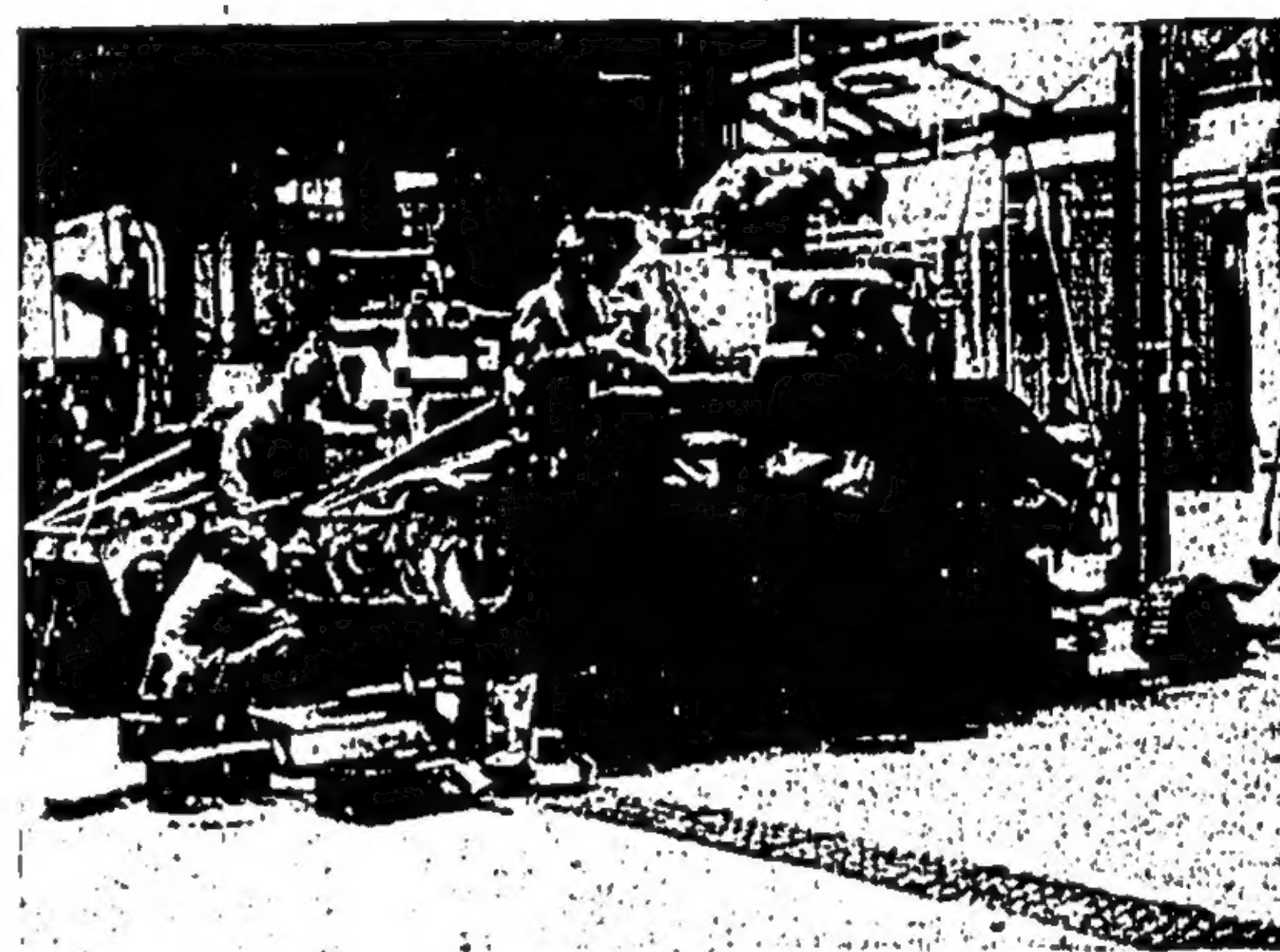
The official "Central Daily News" to-day declared that opening of the Burma Road by Britain was essential if the Japanese were to be prevented from invading

Burma through Indo-China.

"The invasion of French Indo-China, under the pretext of a passage for Japanese troops to march on China, is really a move to attack Far Eastern possessions of the British Empire such as Hongkong, Singapore and Burma," declared the editorial.

"The best and most effective self-protection for Britain is to reopen the Burma Road," concluded the paper.

## Britain's Tank Army Is Growing Fast



The Northern Command R.A.O.C. Motor Transport Workshops are averaging eighteen hours a day, overhauling and repairing motor transport of all descriptions. They are here photographed at work re-erecting a light tank.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

## R.A.F. Raids Italian Bases In Abyssinia

Raids by the Royal Air Force on the Italian bases in Eritrea, Libya and Abyssinia are described in official communiques.

### LONDON: German Formations Broken Up

Two German formations, consisting of bombers escorted by a large number of fighters, made attacks across the coast and in the area of the Thames Estuary this morning.

Some bombs were dropped in Thames-side towns. Damage was caused to houses and buildings but the number of casualties was small.

Early this afternoon, an enemy air attack was made in the Southampton area. Some buildings were damaged and a number of casualties were caused.

During the afternoon, enemy air activity was not on a large scale but in attacks by single aircraft bombs were dropped in a number of districts, including Brighton.

Damage was caused to houses, business premises and a number of casualties were reported.

Eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day. Four of our fighters have been lost but the pilot of one is safe. It is now established that two enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft guns during the night of Monday-Tuesday.

### R.A.F.: More Raids On Italian Bases

Our bombers attacked aircraft on the Mennsir landing ground on Sunday. All bombs fell on the target area.

Yesterday a second attack was delivered. Three explosions among the aircraft were followed by a fire.

Two raids were made on Tobruk harbour yesterday. In the first, bombs burst among the buildings and near the jetty.

In the second, bombs fell on buildings and very near ships beside the jetty.

Zulu in Eritrea was attacked on September 21. Fires were started in the centre of the camp and were visible 20 miles away.

Yesterday a successful attack was made on the aerodrome at Man Adaga. Two fighters were definitely destroyed.

The South African Air Force raided Selassiamanna, in central Abyssinia, on September 22.

CAIRO: Our Artillery Silences Enemy

No change has occurred in the situation in the western desert, according to a G.H.Q. communique.

## Chinese Protest Rejected

A Vichy message from "Dome" says that M. Baudouin the French Foreign Minister has rejected the Chinese protest against the Decoux-Nishihara agreement for the landing of Japanese troops, and has notified Chungking that France cannot permit penetration of Chinese troops into Tongking.

"United Press" from Chungking says that political circles in the Chinese capital read M. Baudouin's comment on the Hunan pact with obvious contempt. They declare that M. Baudouin is deceiving himself when he says that the military concessions to Japan are temporary, exceptional in nature and in force only for the duration of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

## "Will Resist Japanese"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—The French Ambassador, M. Gaston Henry Hays, said the French troops in Indo-China are determined to resist the Japanese troops regardless of the odds.

## American Interest

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The United States is closely watching the situation between Thailand and Indo-China. Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, declared to-day.

The question of the United States licensing aeroplanes to be sent to Thailand may be investigated, he added.

## CHANNEL OPERATIONS Brest Bombed

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Further British bombing operations on the French and Belgian coast is announced by the Air Ministry news service.

At the naval station of Brest this morning long lines of bombs were dropped on the torpedo boat station, oil tanks and stores.

Heavy explosions were followed by four fires.

A pillar of dense black smoke enveloped the harbour and flames were visible more than 30 miles from the French coast.

Other aircraft of the Coastal Command laid sticks of bombs across the canal mouth at Zebruggue. Unusually large flashes followed the explosions of their salvoes.

## AXIS PARLEYS

### Collaboration Boast

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—A hint of the part Africa may have played in the recent Ribbentrop-Mussolini talks was given to-day by the Italian Colonial Minister, who has been engaged in discussions in Germany.

Future collaboration between Germany and Italy is completely settled, he said.

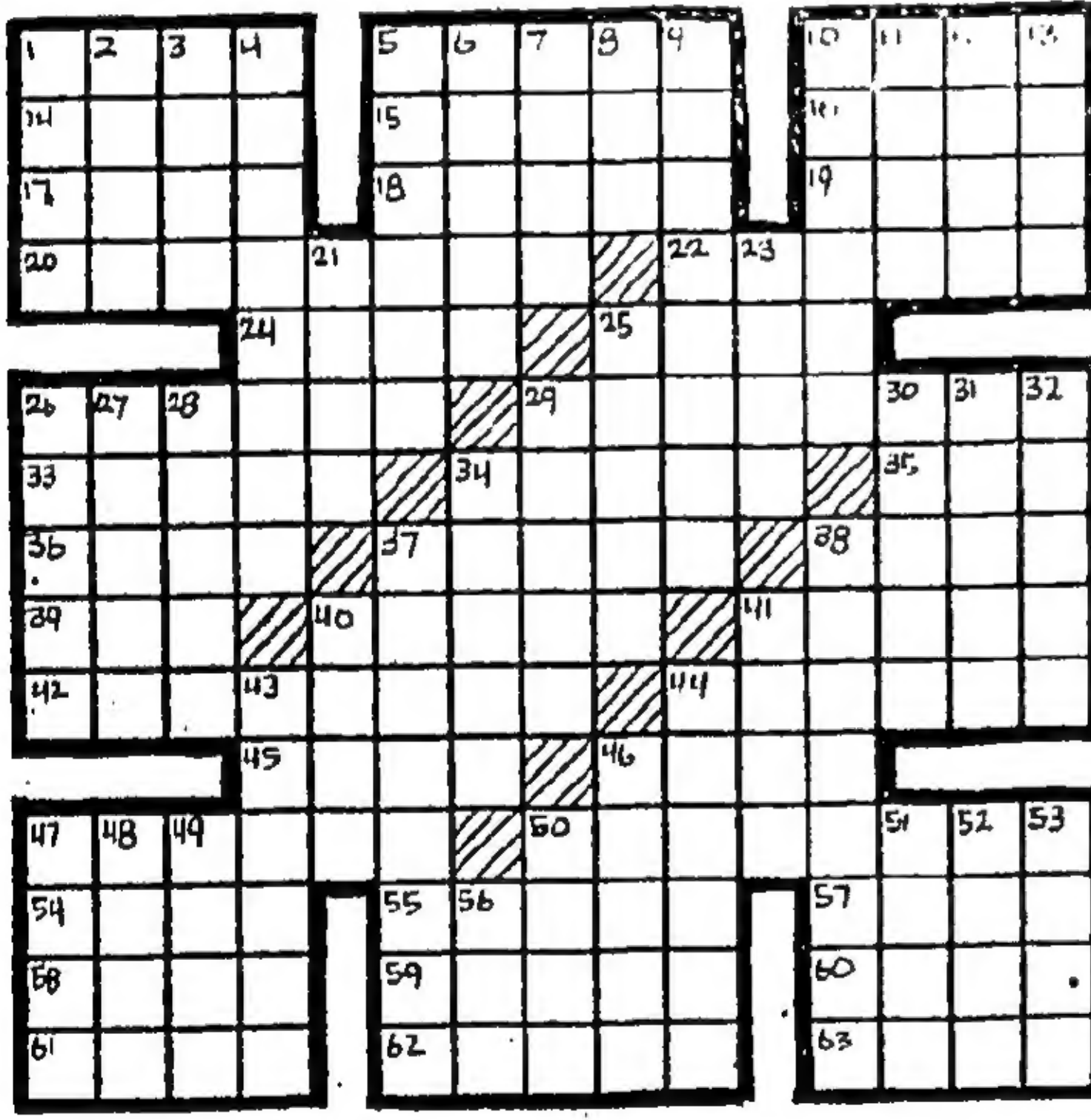
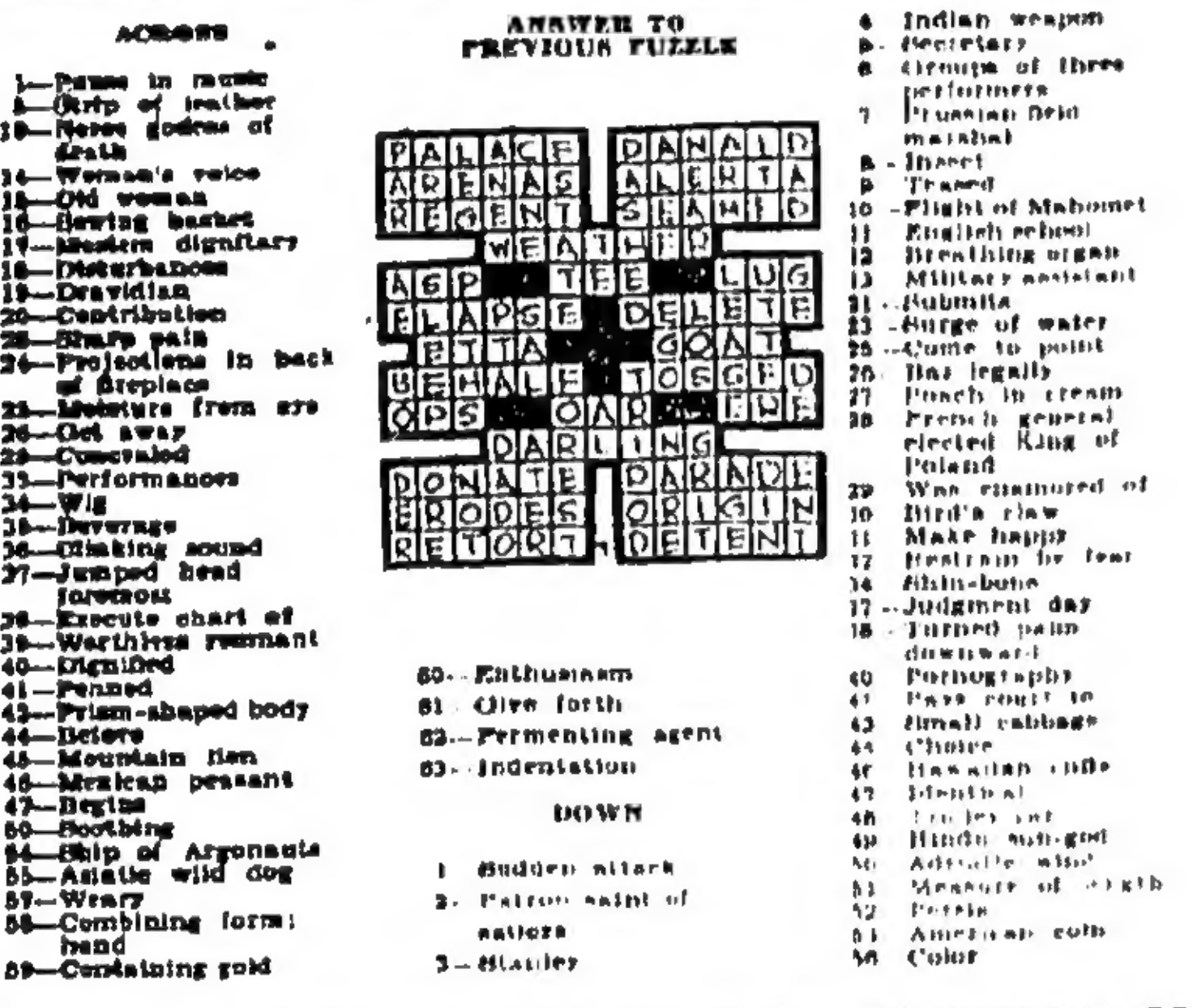
Ribbentrop has now reported to Hitler about his talks. No statement has yet been issued as to what was achieved but it is believed that the Germans demanded a hand in Syria by addition of German advisers in the Italian Armistice Commission.

## British Submarine Feared Lost

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. submarine Thames (Lieut. Commr. W. D. Dunkerly, R.N.) is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LAES MORRIS



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## Evacuation Exemption Considered

### Appeals To Be Heard Publicly

The following official communiqué to the Press was issued yesterday afternoon, by the Colonial Secretary:

In connection with the recent appointment by His Excellency the Governor, Administering the Government of an Evacuation Advisory Committee, the following information regarding the procedure to be adopted by the Committee is notified for general information.

1. The Committee will consider applications for exemption from evacuation of women and children who have not already been granted exemption, and applications on behalf of women or children who desire to return to the Colony. It is emphasized that permission to return will be granted only in entirely exceptional cases. Appeals on medical grounds or on grounds of individual hardship will not generally be considered.

2. Applications should be made in the first place in writing, a full statement of the grounds on which the application is made being given. The Committee will consider such applications in private.

3. In the event of an application made under paragraph 2 not being granted, the applicant may apply to the Committee for a hearing in person. Such applications will be heard in public session of the Committee.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market to-day was quietly steady with little or no change in rates, and a small volume of business recorded.

Buyers: H.K. Fire Ins. \$180; Humphreys \$7.15; Healties \$3.40; Trams \$15.85; Star Ferries \$30; Yumatt Ferries \$22; China Lights (old) \$7; China Lights (new) \$4; Electric (old) \$38.25; Electric (new) \$37.80; Telephones (new) \$9.80; Ropes \$5.50; Dairy Farm \$10.50; Watsons \$8.85; Entertainment \$6.00.

Sellers: Healties \$3.55; Trams \$16; China Lights (old) \$7.15; Macao Electric (old) \$17; Macao Electric (new) \$16; Telephones (old) \$24.75.

Privatized \$4.55; Star Ferries \$30; China Lights (old) \$7.05; Telephones (old) \$24.50; Cements \$16.

## LATE NEWS

### U.S. EMBARGO FORECAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Japan's tactics in French Indo-China will shortly result in President Roosevelt imposing an embargo on war materials to Japan, observers here predicted to-day.

## Berlin-Born Count Gets D.F.C. Polish Pilot Shot Down Five Germans

—R.A.F. Awards

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Officers of two R.A.F. squadrons who have destroyed 84 enemy planes, a count who was born in Berlin but is a naturalised Briton and a Polish airman are the latest recipients of awards for gallantry in flying operations.

The honours included D.S.C. to Acting Squadron Leader Bader, the 30-year-old legless pilot who, after having both legs amputated following a crash, fought his way back to the R.A.F.

It is stated that during three recent engagements, Bader led his squadron with such skill and ability that 33 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

Bader added to his previous successes by destroying six enemy aircraft.

Sergeant Ozel Frantisek, of the Polish squadron, who receives the

Distinguished Flying Medal, destroyed five enemy aircraft in one week.

Seven More D.F.C.'s

The Count is Flying Officer Manfred Beckett Ozerlin, who receives the D.F.C. He has destroyed nine enemy aircraft.

Among other R.A.F. awards announced to-night are the D.F.C. to Acting Wing Commander David Wilson Reid, formerly with the British Military Mission in Egypt, and to Acting Squadron Leader W.E. Gardner in recognition of attacks on large concentrations at Ostend this month and to seven fighter pilots, two of whom destroyed enemy aircraft at night.

## Britain's Splendid Shipping Position

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—That Britain to-day controls more shipping tonnage than before the war but that the war has increased the demands upon it are the outstanding points in a statement by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, reviewing the position at the beginning of the second year of the war.

Germany now controls only about two-thirds of the pre-war tonnage and that is restricted to the Baltic and a limited part of the European coastline.

Italy is in a similar predicament with only three quarters of her pre-war ships.

By contrast, British ships continue to sail the oceans despite attacks by submarine raiders, mines, aircraft and lately by E-boats.

Full Compensation

Eight per cent of the pre-war merchant fleet, which has been lost by enemy action, is more than made up by captures, new construction and transfers from foreign flags.

The shipping position, however, assumes a different appearance from pre-war since materials which formerly came from Europe must now be derived from more distant sources while ships ordinary routed via the Mediterranean now take a longer voyage by the Cape.

Moreover, many ships are employed on armed merchant cruisers and others are bringing materials for the manufacture of munitions of so vast a scale as to make great inroads on the space available for normal cargoes.

The Minister emphasised, however, that sufficient shipping is available to meet all essential needs not only for imports but for exports.

In a subsequent broadcast, Mr. Cross appeals to the public to economise in the purchase of non-essentials and mentioned that British imports now amount to between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 tons a month compared to 6,000,000 in pre-war time.

### Aid Britain More Says N.Y. "Times"

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—More and more help for Britain is urged by the "New York Times," in a leading article to-day.

The British are already holding our front line, the paper says. They are maintaining our defences and strengthening our security with their life blood. Therefore, our help to them should be speeded up, not next spring or after the elections but now.

Scheduled to arrive here from America and Manila on October 4, the Honolulu Clipper is expected to leave on her return journey the following morning.

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